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OLD SYRUP PITCHERS (See page 103)

# Mechanical and Electrical Antiques

## Mechanical Toys

In Harper's Bazaar, January 4, 1873

The ingenious mechanical toys for children of a larger growth are really works of art. One of the prettiest is a music-box with a globe of gold-fish above, in which is a shell that opens and discloses a fairy reclining in a grotto. A second musical toy represents a harp, on which a most comical negro affects to play: the price is \$60. In a third a monkey drinks wine, and wipes his moustache with his napkin; while a fourth is a clock with a monkey beside it playing cobbler. An opera-house has a stage, with tiny dancers that perform a ballet while the orchestra plays; and a menagerie has music, and trained animals that appear to do the bidding of their mimic keeper. A doll thrums a piano; the notes of "Il Bacio" are before her, and the machinery inside the piano plays the air.

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CART with driver and two ladies in back, pushing their umbrellas out of top door of car. Right arm of driver missing, otherwise perfect. A Lehman Toy 526; 2-Jan., 1905 patented. \$7.75  
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## Animals

One of the greatest improvements in Kriss-Kringle's kingdom is the creation of animals with natural skins. Horses have real skins of horses; greyhounds are naturally sleek and glossy; and poodles and "Skys" are as shaggy as possible; and goats are homely enough for real goats, instead of being "too nice for a goat", as the little purchasers used to declare they were. All the domestic animals are represented, as are ferocious-looking lions, tigers, spotted leopards, and growling bears. These are of various sizes, and cost, separately, from \$2 to \$30. Hobby-horses on rockers, or else to drag, have natural skins, and cost from \$6 to \$15. A Noah's ark on wheels is a "three-decker," with natural-skinned animals peering through the windows. The different sizes cost from \$5 to \$12. Menageries with wild and tame animals are shown, and the circus horses with spotted skins are not forgotten.

## For Boys

The "dollar steam-engine," so popular with boys last year, is now brought into practical use in very interesting ways. One is attached to a miniature ferry-boat, and propels it about in bath-tub or pond; another on a fire-engine throws a stream of water through a rubber hose, and has a shrill whistle. The latter costs from \$3.50 to \$6.

For boys there are also warehouses three or four stories high, having shelves packed with goods, a hatch-way, etc.; forts with artillery, sentinels that go back and forth, and files of soldiers marching about on dress parade; livery-stables with natural-looking horses in the stalls, attended

by hostlers; butchers shops with meats hanging on the wall, and smart butchers in their white aprons; street cars marked from "City Hall to Central Park", with new suggestions of seats on top; tiny boats on waves (of green muslin) that float about as the boat is drawn along; cost from \$3 to \$5; soldiers' suits, with cap, knapsack, and gun, costing from \$2 to \$15. Boxes of jugglers' tricks, with directions for performing them, are from \$2 to \$50; small billiard-tables are shown for boys, and games of every description; finally there is a Punch and Judy show, with most comical figures; this, with theatrical fixtures, costs \$18.

## Christmas-tree Ornaments

A chandelier of gayly colored glass balls is made to hang above the Christmas-tree. Berries, grapes, peaches, plums, and other fruits in their natural size and color are made of transparent glass, that lights up beautifully on boughs. Bright tin reflectors showing all the colors of the prism add to its beauty, and there are pretty little gilded ornaments for bedecking each limb, such as tiny bird-cages, Chinese lanterns, American eagles, stars, and cherubs with outspread wings. Santa Claus with empty pack covered with snow, stands beside the tree.

For information received thanks are due, for toys, to Messrs. Strasburger, Pfeiffer, and Co.; and Ehrichs.

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A German toy is a juvenile theatre with mimic stage, curtain, and scenery set for a play, besides stage properties for other plays. The orchestra and auditorium are all faithfully represented, and the proscenium boxes are filled with gay parties ogling each other with lorgnettes. Written plays of one act, with directions for setting the figures, are furnished. The repertory consists of

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### Christmas-Tree Ornaments

Among the ornaments for the Christmas-tree is the snow-clad veteran, Santa Claus, his pack empty of its treasures with which he has adorned the tree; globes, fruits, and flowers of colored glass, bright tin reflectors, and innumerable grotesque figures suspended by a rubber string—clowns with cap and bells, funny little men concealing their faces behind funnier masks, as they spring up and down; Bismark leaping on Napoleon's shoulders, exaggerated seraphim with flapping wings, old women with heads larger than their bodies.

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For information received thanks are due Messrs. Althoff, Bergmann, and Co.; and Lewis P. Tibbals and Co.

—Compiled by Ruth Carmick, Calif.

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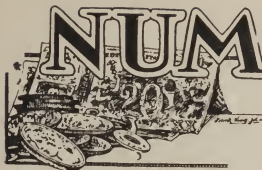
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# NUMISMATICS

## NUMISMATIC THOUGHTS

By FRANK C. ROSS

### Pattern Scandals?

In the decade of the 1930's coin clubs were passing resolutions demanding a stop to the so-called Commemorative "scandals". Sixty years before, during the 1870 decade, coin clubs were passing like resolutions demanding a "cease and desist" of the so-called pattern coin "scandal". So popular now are pattern coins that it is hard to believe there was ever a time when they were to many collectors a discredited lot, not even a distant relative of numismatics. The following resolution is one of the many passed by clubs of the 1870 decade (from American Journal of Numismatics of that day), this one being that of the Vermont Numismatic Society:—"RESOLVED: by the Vermont Numismatic Society that the production of pattern pieces, so called, at the United States Mint, having degenerated into an extortionate ring speculation and imposition, engineered by persons inside the Mint management, and without any reference to the United States coinage, therefore it is the duty of all numismatists, their organizations and publications, to ignore all such pattern pieces, as holding no relation whatever to true numismatic science, but on the contrary possessing a demoralizing tendency." They had one defender at least; Mr. Patterson Du Bois, a very prominent numismatist of that time, said:—"They are to be enjoyed as by-gones; they are a dead language bristling with thoughts. I am not sure but that the minting and numismatic science of the future will look with singular interest upon a case of our patterns".

Speaking of pattern coins, Mr. A. French of the Albany Numismatic Society recently said:—"They embrace some of the finest work of our mint engravers and designers who hold a place of their own in the Arts; and they also give us the underlying notes in our country's history."

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### Dots and Dashes

The history of the Pine Tree Shilling, America's most well known Colonial coin, is so familiar it is not necessary to repeat it. However, there is one feature of the issue of great importance but little known that every collector should know, and that is the "cog-wheel" variety. You will note the tree is surrounded with a circle of either dots or of dashes, some of the coins having dots and others having dashes. The dashes are so arranged that they give the circle the appearance of a cog-wheel. The "why?" of the two varieties is mere conjecture so far as I know.

Quoting our good friend David M. Bullowa:—"Regarding the cog-wheel variety of the Pine Tree Shilling, this is the specimen which has a very thick circle of dashes instead of pellets. Micklew was the first to call this the cog-wheel variety. Crosby illustrates this as variety 10-P, and Mr. Wurtzbach stated that only two specimens of this variety were known in un-circulated condition."

The Pine Tree Shilling is probably the most counterfeited Colonial coin, and inexperienced purchasers should have them examined by an expert before buying.

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### Mexicana

Now that our sister Republic, Mexico, instead of the Old World, is becoming more and more the playground of American tourists, her coinage has taken on new interest. The oddest feature to those not familiar with its history, is the symbol of the eagle and snake on Mexico's currency. This symbol was born of

one of the world's most famous legends, the founding of Mexico City. Every coin collector should read the history of Mexico and familiarize himself with the founding of Mexico City to better appreciate the symbolic Eagle and Snake.

The Mexican coins of most world-wide interest are probably those of the short reign of Emperor Maximilian, and the choice of this series would be the prophetic dollar of 1881. There is a legend connected with this dollar, so interesting that it will, I think, become a part of Mexican folklore. The story is that the die for this dollar broke after only thirty-five of the coins were struck; a new die had to be made, and the coin struck under the new die showed a very discernable difference from the first thirty-five. The first thirty-five coins correspond with the ill-fated Emperor's age at the time of his execution. It is claimed that one of the bullets of the executioners struck the head of Maximilian at the very spot where the break in the die occurred.

### NUMISMATICISMS

"The knowledge of coins is absolutely necessary to those who desire to study history thoroughly; for history is not to be learned in book alone, which do not always say anything, nor always the truth. We must, then, have recourse to documents which justify it, and which have not been affected either by malice or ignorance; and such documents are coins. We learn from the thousands of things equally important and interesting, which all not to be found anywhere else."

—Rollin

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An Alderman in America is a civil official, and no coins are named for him. But in England, says W. W. Brimelow, English born, an Alderman is an English slang term for half-crown. An Alderman, M. Brimelow says, as chief magistrate is half a king in his own ward, at the half-crown is what we might say is half a king or something.

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The Midwest Coin Conference will be held at Kansas City on April 24 at the Pickwick Hotel. Matters of great importance to coin collectors will be discussed at this Conference and a large attendance from all parts of the country is expected. The Midwest section is no longer the superior, it is the center of Numismatists and a mid-west Conference is of national-wide interest.

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National Coin Week this year will April 22-28. The week's "festivities" will consist of coin displays in public places throughout the United States; numismatic broadcasts; talks and lectures before societies; newspaper and magazine articles. National Coin Week has become a national institution.

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The Pilgrim Tercentenary half-dollar, 1620-1920, commemorating the landing of the Pilgrims from the Mayflower on Plymouth Rock, is a look of many stories, one of which America's favorite love story, the romance of John Alden and Priscilla. Any will be surprised to learn that a may-flower is a small white blossom growing among English scrubby. When the Mayflower was dismantled its timbers were used, it claimed, in building a barn about twenty five miles from London, England, which is still intact and a favorite show-place.

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Setting The Era. Joseph Coffin reminds us that the wanderings and migrations of peoples have been traced by coins left buried on the trek. It is generally conceded that America was settled by people who crossed from Asia via the Behring Straits. No coins have ever been found along the route, it must be deduced that America was settled before the invention of coins.

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Obsolete Coins are making a comeback and with increased values. This is accounted for by so many collectors forming type sets. Each type of American coins contains, necessarily, types of obsolete coins, and as so many obsolete coins have been re-melted by the government, they are becoming quite scarce. Every type-setter sacrifices each obsolete coin.

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Printing Press Money system, in China at least, is a liability instead of an asset. It costs the Chinese government, according to news reports, more to print a \$10,000 note than the note is worth in purchasing power. If they lose money on the 10,000 notes, think what the lower tiers cost them. Paradoxically they use money by making money.

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Clay Money in Germany. Because clay money it is not dirt cheap. It will not dirty your hands. It is simply the new money being issued in Western Germany and called Mark after the United States military governor, Lucius D. Clay.

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The Largest Check probably ever drawn was the one signed by John W. Snyder, Secretary of the Treasury, on June 30th, for seven and one-half billion dollars. The check was not actually cashed, that is, the money was not paid out by the government. It was a "book-keeping" check passing from one department to another, but a bona-fide check nevertheless.

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Paper Money Collectors will be interested to learn from news reports

that the one-dollar note is not as popular as was supposed. More money is floating around in \$100 bills, says the item, than in \$1 bills. The most popular bill is the \$20 note; the dollar value total of \$20s in circulation tops the total value of any other denomination.

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British Money will shorten the title printed on it by dropping "emperor of India" therefrom, as the King of England has given up the title of Emperor of India. Mother India is now on her own and will have a currency of her own.

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The New Look. A glance at the Peace Dollar, 1921, will convince you that the artist gave Miss Liberty a new facial look. You might even be convinced that he substituted an entirely new face for that of the familiar Miss Liberty. The rays shooting up from her head look like her hair was done up in papers in anticipation of a new hair-do. The artist even gave the word Trust a new look, for he placed a V where U should be, making it read trVst instead of trUst. The new looks given this Peace coin did not improve the looks of our old look dollars.

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Roosevelt. The government has given hard-money collectors a Roosevelt dime; it is now being suggested that the soft-monies be given a \$3 Roosevelt note. Why a \$3 one; why not make it a \$4; he was a four term president.

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Profit In Nickels. Ex-vice president Marshall said "what this country needs is a good five cent cigar." Some one recently remarked "what this country needs is a good five cent nickel." It has been computed that it costs Uncle Sam one-half cent to mint a nickel. A fairly good profit.

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Two Old Timers bring up a question. A news report from Chicago says that two \$10 notes of the State Bank of Illinois issued in 1821 turned up. The bank was chartered by the Illinois legislature. The bank did not do so well, and the legislature ordered the notes retired in 1826. However, the notes were legally receivable by the state treasurer in payment of taxes and dues owing the state. Now the question is, did the calling in of the notes relieve the state of its obligation to accept any "stragglers", even at this late date, in payment of state taxes, and if the state did now accept them what would would they do with them?

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Cracked Dies on so many of our early coins are not, numismatically, coin defects; they are representatives of the imperfection in the method of die casting, thus giving them an historical interest. With our modern method, notwithstanding the millions of coins yearly minted, cracked dies are rare exceptions. The Ben Franklin half-dollar has a crack in it, but don't let it fool you, it is not a die crack, it is a reproduction of the actual crack in the old Liberty Bell.

Aluminum Coins in Japan seem to be worth more as merchandise than as money. The report is that factories are using the coins as raw material for the manufacture of aluminum utensils. Selecting of material for coins is a very delicate business. Converting coins in peace time to raw materials is as bad as hoarding coins during war time.

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Plenty Of Tin. To say one has "plenty of tin (money)" does not necessarily imply one has plenty of coins made of tin any more than one has "plenty of rocks (money)" implies that one is well supplied with coins made from stones. Although the metal tin has been used in coins from time to time for many centuries, the term "tin" in "plenty of tin" does not owe its origin to tin coins, but, strangely, it refers to silver money, and is of English birth. Some two hundred years ago, owing to constant use, English silver coins became so badly worn that they resembled small tin discs and for that reason were nick-named tin money. The "tin" in the expression "plenty of tin" refers to these tin-looking silver coins, and not to actual tin coins; somewhat like our expressions "Plenty of rocks" and "Bring home the bacon."

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Money On Stamps. A news item (AP) says the first stamps issued by Israel reproduce ancient coins used during the long history of the Hebrews. There are nine values. Among the coins shown on the stamps are a coin of the Maccabean era, a coin of the period of the First Revolution, one of the Second Revolution, second year of the First Revolution, and others. Coin collectors are pleased with this friendly gesture from the issuers of the stamps.

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## Twin Sisters, The Misses North and South America

We speak of Mother England, La Belle France, Mother India, all feminine, of the German Fatherland, masculine. Columbia (U. S. A.) the Gem of the Ocean answers to Miss Columbia. Our next door neighbors, Canada and Mexico, we refer to as sister republics. Now, of which sex is the New World, North and South America; are they sisters, brothers, or sister and brother? Get out your 1923 Monroe Doctrine commemorative silver half-dollar; read it carefully and study it diligently. This coin may forever sex the American continents; may be the authority for historians to permanently christen them the Twin Sisters, the Misses North and South America. You will note the coin has a map of North and South America with each continent "mapped" as a woman.

If you "read" the coin carefully you will learn that the Monroe Doctrine commemorative has many features, enough to entitle it to a niche in the cabinet of the World's Famous.

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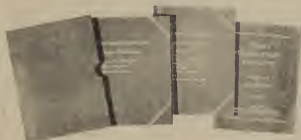
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Mrs. James E. Banta, direct descendant of Ponce de Leon, queen of the Ponce de Leon celebration on Washington's birthday, St. Augustine, Fla. She wears an antique locket from the Lightner Museum of Hobbies collection.

Thomas P. L. Dowell, Sr., Photo

# Mechanical and Electrical Antiques

## "Scientific Exhibition!"

### The Lightning Man Is Coming!"

By J. SHELDON FISHER

These were the words emblazoned on the highly descriptive posters used to announce the lectures and demonstrations of Dr. Charles Came between the years 1836 to 1880.

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It has been my pleasure to bring to light the complete story of one of those traveling "celebrated Ethereal Physician and Professor in Natural Philosophy." Over a year ago I bought the contents of an attic in Pittsford, N. Y., which included the traveling show stored since 1880. Since this was the home of Dr. Came, it included some of his noted cabinet work, works in art, wood carving, stenciling material, and his doctoring equipment. Trunks full of posters, books, and personal letters have helped me to put the scientific equipment in working order. I use the show for working out the old experiments for pleasure and study in my private museum. It is housed in the old business block of the Ghost City of Valen-town which I am in the process of restoring, on Route 96, near Fishers, N. Y.

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and Cornell University has photo-stated the letters and unusual posters. I have presented the original show in costume in the venacular of a century ago before the Rochester Antiquarian League at the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences.

According to the standards of today, Dr. Came was a good showman, and backed it up with sound knowledge. One of his poster appeal lines reads "Let old and young attend, get wisdom, get knowledge and understanding." Some of his posters were printed by Leonard Jerome of Rochester, the grandfather of the former Prime Minister, Winston Churchill of England. In order to show the primitiveness of the practical scientific knowledge of a century ago, one has only to read a few lines on the posters. "Electricity! Electro-Magnetism and Astronomy." Dr. Came has two splendid *Electro-Magnetic Telegraphs* and will give so plain and easy an illustration that all may understand. Also a beautiful *Electro-Magnetic Engine*, illustrating the principle of applying the lightning for propelling machinery. *Colt's Submarine Battery*, will be illustrated, designed for blowing up ships and protecting our harbors. *The Charging Magnet* will be exhibited. Artificial magnets, compass needles, gentlemen's knives and ladies' scissors, will be charged with magnetism, free of expense.

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Phrenology was not left out since it was a big money maker a century ago. All books and equipment needed to read the character bumps on the customer's head were included. Astronomy was a feature of the lectures. A fine gold leafed planetarium made before 1847, a telurian and other related instruments formed a large part of the show. The joy of the show today, as of yesterday, is the trunk full of rare lantern slides of brilliant handpainted animated comics, many dated in the 1820's and 1830's. The motion picture effect is obtained either by the pulling of tabs attached to super-imposed glass, or cranks, belts and pulleys on the slides. Of the four lantern slide projectors, an adjustable tripod holds a double projector with a fade-out disc from one to the other. Whale oil lamps were found in the projectors. The stage curtain is framed by a huge hand-painted canvas of a spread eagle supported by Greek colonnades and dated 1844.

A few may not be sentimental about the past, but after seeing the show they will react as others, and hold Dr. Came in awe and respect when they think of him traveling from town to town in his one horse wagon in all kinds of weather, keeping warm by his little charcoal foot warmer.

### WANTED

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Illustration of original woodcut used on posters of the Scientific Exhibition of Dr. Charles Came a century ago. The stage setting portrayed here can be duplicated with the original equipment now owned by J. Sheldon Fisher, New York State collector.

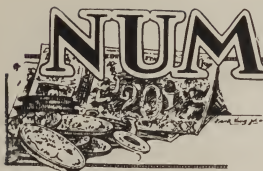
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# NUMISMATICS

## NUMISMATIC THOUGHTS

By FRANK C. ROSS

### Know Your Mottos

It is erroneously taken for granted that the motto *E Pluribus Unum*, so familiar on our currency, was born along with the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. It has an identity of its own. As to age, Virgil's *Momentum* mentions "color est e pluribus unus."

The study of legends on currency is very instructive. Of all the mottos on our currency, *E Pluribus Unum* is probably the most applicable, One Composed Of Many. How, why, and by whom was it chosen as our principal monetary motto? W. E. Du Bois, a foremost numismatist of his time, in an article in the January 1879 number of the *American Journal of Numismatics* answers the question. Quote:—"It first appeared, in large letters, upon a pattern piece of private issue, in copper; and is ascribed to Colonel Reed of Uxbridge, Massachusetts. This was dated 1786, six years before the National Mint Act. It was the famous Immuns Columbia piece, now quite rare. In the next year there appeared a very curious gold coin of the weight and value of a Spanish doubloon of those days, say sixteen dollars; it bore the title *Nova Eboraca* and the legend *Unum E Pluribus*. It also has the name of Brasher in small letters, and is credited to a goldsmith in New York of that name. In 1791 a copper coin bearing the motto was struck in Kentucky on the occasion of its introduction as a state into the Union. The National Mint Act of 1792 prescribed the legends and emblems to be placed on coins, but did not mention the motto in question. It was not on the first gold coinage in 1795; but we find it there the next year. Silver began to be coined regularly in 1794; the motto was first placed on the dollar in 1798. It was continually used until 1831, when it was withdrawn from the quarter-dollar. This was done on the grounds that it crowded the disk. However,

it was not until the great Jackson coinage of gold in 1834 that it was removed from that metal. It was finally withdrawn from silver in 1837. After forty-one years, in the midst of which (Civil War era) the *unum* was in danger of becoming duo, the venerable motto re-appears on our silver dollar.

### NUMISMATICISMS

**Filthy Lucre.** The paper in the present French money is of such poor grade and of such a condition that the paper bills are germ incubators and said to be responsible for the flu epidemic in France.

**Grew Their Own.** In the early days of Oregon wheat was a basic currency. Wheat is still a basis of wealth in the bread-basket sections of the country.

**Slavery Money Of Africa,** now an obsolete item. The Sunday Express (England) says:—"Manillas, last currency link with slave-trading in West Africa, are being redeemed. Nigerian chiefs and traders are unloading hoards of these bronze broken bracelets. They were given until March 31, 1949, to get them in. Three kinds were accepted:—Okpohos worth 3d; okombos worth 1d; abis worth ½d. They are still accepted as payment for native taxes. Estimates put the number of manillas as high as 40,000,000."

**New 1949 Model Automobile.** The out-modeled auto shown on the ten-dollar bill, (says the Chicago Tribune) is soon to be replaced by the latest streamliner. The public has been curious as to which make of car was used as the model for the one on the old bill, but the Bureau of Engraving says it is of no particular make.

**Biloxi, Mississippi** is to try her luck. The people of Biloxi are trying to persuade congress that their city should have a special coin to commemorate the establishment of the first capital of the Province of Louisiana at Biloxi in 1697. As this old French capital in a manner backgrounds the Louisiana Purchase, it is of national interest, and it is hoped that Congress grants the city an ear-

ly minted commemorative half dollar and in such numbers and in such manner that there will be enough coins to go around and at a reasonable price.

**A Pile Of Pennies.** The Ki Feature Syndicate estimates that 6 million pennies piled one on top of another would reach approximately 5,208 feet, which is seventy-two feet under the mile.

**Texas An Exception.** About the first thing a newly organized nation does is to issue coins. Texas was an independent republic after winning independence from Mexico, for a few years, but during its independency did not mint any metal coins, although it did put out some paper currency. Texas may be known as a coinless nation, but it is a coin-wash State, thanks to the beautiful Texas Centennial commemorative half-dollar, 1836-1936.

**Club Notes.** You cannot build up by running the membership down. It is rumored that seven clubs are in-the-making in Florida. The Elkhart (Indiana) Coin Club is to be complimented on its monthly Bulletin. A monthly Bulletin is a club's greatest asset. If you "poll" calls for 150 clubs at end of 1949, you will not prove yourself poor Guesser.

The Kansas City coin club (H. N. A.) will be hosts to the Midwest Coin Conference April 23-24, at the Phipps Hotel, Kansas City, Mo.

The senior coin club 1949 drive, the organizing of Junior Coin Clubs is off to a good start, and it is safe bet that many new little coin-houses will be established year. Junior clubs backed by the enthusiasm of youth, are proving their worth.

**Porticoed.** The White House the twenty dollar bills will be changed to include Truman's portrait recently built, on the presidential mansion.

### He Knew His Legends

A letter from a New Orleans reader says:—"I went to the museum this morning and came across a play that might interest you. It is a collection of beaten-silver earri and other dress ornaments, made the placard in the show case says, Choctaw Indians from small silver coins at Bayou Settlement, date 18 No description was given of what kind of coins. You could readily they were silver, but quite beaten

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shape by the Indian craftsmen. "I mused, the coins being all, "may be the clue to the lost of Orphan Annies the 1844 es."

le has in mind the legend (one of ny) with a New Orleans bank-und. A New Orleans bank re- sitioned the Treasury for 100,000 es. In the consignment the asury included almost the entire e of 1844 dimes. The shipment s by water, and enroute the boat s sunk in a storm, and the coins s forever. This New Orleans boy wing his legends may in a asure add factuality to an other- e purely legendary story. Legends s the poetry of history, and like poet, the legendaire uses his endary license in narrating cts."

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## oined" Stamps

When the newly formed Israel ided its first postage stamps it ally made them commemorative of ish history. And in selecting the portant events of its history it d numismatics its greatest com- ents as the most dependable oniclers of ancient history. Under column captioned STAMPS the ristian Science Monitor says:— AMP'S OF ISRAEL. From the sociated Press; The first postage mps issued by Israel and a first y cover from Tel Aviv have been eived by S. L. Bayer of the Penny ck Stamp Co. The nine values re- duce ancient coins used during the history of the Hebrews.

The article describes the different ominations fully. Briefly they e—bronze coin of Maccabean age h inscription "The rebuilding of n." Bronze coin of the period of First Revolution inscribed "Liber- of Zion." Coin of First Revolution scribed "The Third Year." Coin of irst Revolution inscribed "The irst Year of the Establishment of ael." A shekel of the second year of the First Revolution with the in- scription "Israel Arises Again." A n of the Second Revolution, in- bed "First Year of Establishment of Israel." Two coins bearing the in- scription "Israel Arises."

Coin collectors the world over ould feel highly complimented at s new nation's recognition of numismatism,

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## Steel Monument

A news item says:—The wartime e-coated steel pennies are being en out of circulation by the Feder- Reserve Banks and sold as scrap eel mills. A load with \$68,446.96 pennies is worth \$1,000 as twenty s of steel.

AN AP news item of Jan. 22 from eble, Colorado, says:—Those con- ing gray-colored pennies have an er-life when you finish with them. e, being retired to the Denver nt the zinc-coated one cent pieces s mashed to make them unusable, d then sent here for use in steel king. The Colorado Fuel and Iron rporation melts them with other ap metal and they are used in

steel rails, structural rails, structur- al steel, fence wire, nails and spikes.

The more than 1,000,000,000 issue of 1943 steel pennies is a steel mon- ument to the late war. The steel cent is a simon-pure war coin. It is not just a "sequence date" in In- dian head pennies, it is an "out- stander" like the Trade Dollar, Isa- bella Quarter, Lafayette dollar, Martha Washington half-disme. As a conservator of copper it was a suc- cess, but as a metallic experiment for coins it did not do so good. Steel was hard to work with and proved a head-ache to the minters. When fresh from mint they so resembled medals that they proved a nuisance in trade. When the zinc lustre wore off, they looked like slugs. There was great rejoicing when they were discontinued.

As most of the pennies are in banks it will be short work calling them in. The number junked will be recorded as to number, but not as to mints and the relative scarcity as to mints will remain a question mark. The wise thing for collectors to do is to lay aside a plentiful supply of them for future enhancement.

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## White Elephants

Designs on coins are seldom put on for fantastical reasons; they represent something material. Take the animal coins for instance; they are not just fanciful brain-children of the designer; they have a substantial back-ground; like the barn-yard coimage of Ireland, the kangaroo, the buffalo nickel, the lion, and the elephants. The elephant coins of Charles II, England, are symbols of the African Company. Some of our own Colonial coins carry an elephant. And speaking of elephants on coins reminds us of "white elephants on your hands." It is of numismatical origin. The white elephant was sacred and was not allowed to be killed. When the fabulous ruler of Siam became displeased with one of his courtiers he presented him with a white elephant as punishment. Out of courtesy the recipient could not give the gift away, and it being against the law to kill it, he had to keep and feed it during its long life-time. The elephant was a big eater and it cramped the owner's purse to pay feed bills. So a person with a "white elephant on his hands" is one possessed of an expensive frozen asset.

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## Say It With Flowers

Now that Japan has been left on our door-step, its symbols on monies, medals and documents are of special interest to numismatists. The famili- ar Dragon symbolizes power and sovereignty, the Chrysanthemum is the flower from the early days of the Emperor and the Paulownia is the flower of the Empress. The Paulow- nia is named after Anne Paulownia, a Russian princess.

Japan may well be called the Flowery Kingdom, the growing of flowers being its big hobby. From an article by Allis M. Hutchings (much condensed) we learn that: Each month has its special floral symbol. The Pine for January, sym-

bol of an evergreen old age; Febru- ary, the Plum, anticipated happiness; March, the Peach, marriage; April, the Cherry Blossom, Patriotism; May, the Wistaria, youth and spring- time; June, Iris, chivalry; July, Morning Glory, art! August, Lotus, purity; September, Seven Plants of Autumn, clarity and beauty; October, Chrysanthemum, the Empe r o r's flower, longevity; November, Maple Tree, gentleness; December, the camellia Japonica, death of year.

Her war monies will long be a grim reminder — and warning — to Japan of the ill-fated day she con- verted her pruning knives into bay- onets and attacked Pearl Harbor, and will always be a MUST in all war- money collections.

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## Music Hath Charms

"Such as the music is, such are the people of the commonwealth".

The word Numismatism is rhythm itself. Balance a silver dollar on the end of the finger, strike it with another dollar, and you will produce a tone equal to any musical instru- ment. The three M's Man, Money, Music, have harmoniously trekked the evolutionary trail together, inse- parable, indispensable to each other. It is a vexed question whether Man has done more for money and Music, or whether Money and Music have done more for man. Money's auto- graph album has many pages with music's remembrances autographed thereon.

Some of the Colonial notes are "attested to" with music's trade mark, the lyre or harp; the Cincin- nati commemorative half-dollar, 1936, has the Goddess of Music holding music's symbol, the lyre, on one side, and America's most beloved "min- stre!" Stephen Foster, on the other

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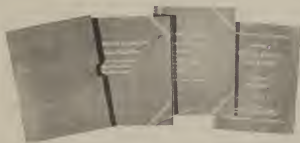
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## NUMISMATIC THOUGHTS

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side; on a 300 Reis coin, Brazil has placed the image of its great composer, Carlos Gomes; the Emerald Isle has "said it with harps" on many of its monies; Germany honored the immortal Beethoven with a special coin; Austria gave each of the great musical trio, Schubert, Mozart, Haydn, a commemorative coin; a Roman coin shows the most famous (or infamous) "fiddler" in history, Nero, garbed in the robes of Apollo and singing to his own accompaniment on the lyre.

The cicada chirping insect was greatly venerated in ancient times. It was sacred to the God Apollo. Eunomus was contesting in a musical contest; a string of his cythera broke, but a cicada furnished the missing note and all was well. The singing, musical cicada appears on many ancient coins.

Music not only has power to soothe man's irritations and to quiet wild beasts, it also has the power to free money of its sordidness.

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## Meet Maria

The Maria Theresa Thaler, Austria, 1780, is one of the world's most familiar coins, so familiar in fact that we think of the Maria Theresa part of it as a type name of the thaler, and of no significance except as a type identification, much as the Lincoln cent, Washington quarter and Jefferson nickel. Our interest is centered in the thaler and not in its type-name. But, like Lincoln, Washington and Jefferson, Maria must have, like them, been some "shucks" to have merited a coin of her own. The thaler did not make her famous, it was she who made the thaler famous. W. D. Ferguson in a paper read before the New Zealand Numismatic Society introduces Maria Theresa to the numismatic world and I am sure the readers will respond with "Glad to have met you, Maria." It was Mr. Ferguson who said "Old coins are the windows of history."

Although recently struck to facilitate commerce in the East, says Mr. Ferguson, Maria Theresa thalers are an exact copy of those struck in 1780, the year of her death. The effigy shows a somewhat mannish type of woman of strong character. The legend gives her many titles; Roman Empress, Queen of Hungary and Bohemia, Archduchess of Austria, Duchess of Burgundy, and Countess of Tyrol. This does not mention all the lands she ruled over, however. Although Austria was the heart and core of the vast Hapsburg dominions it was never a kingdom in name, remaining an Archduchy till after the Napoleonic wars when it became the seat of a new empire. Although Maria Theresa inherited her dominions from her father, the Emperor Charles VI, the title of Roman Empress was hers, strictly speaking, but only as Empress Consort, and after the death of her husband, Francis I, as Empress Dowager. She took her duties and responsibilities seriously, and showed great aptitude for public business, and managed to keep in

touch with the affairs in all parts of her extensive possessions. She played the part of a beneficent despot. Her husband left everything in the way of government to his capable wife, but after she became a widow she let her eldest son, who was then elected Emperor as Joseph II, share in the duties of government with her. In spite of all this she had sixteen children, of whom ten grew up, and two sons in turn were Emperors, and two of her daughters became Queens, one being the ill-fated Marie Antoinette.

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## Silver Trey

Silver Trey, the little fairy of Coinage land, America's smallest silver coin, the diminutive silver three cent piece, is one of our most neglected specimens. Rarely is it displayed in coin exhibits, and seldom mentioned by collectors. It is too small to "board" advantageously, too small to examine critically without a lens, too small to handle, and too easily lost. None but the large collectors try to assemble sets. The lettering and designs are in keeping with its size, and it is one of the prettiest of our coins. They were minted for a specific purpose, the convenience of the postal system, but their size made them impracticable and they were discontinued. There were about 40 million of them struck, 1851-1873, and as they were little used in the general routine of trade, statistically they should today be very plentiful and in fine condition, but such is not the case. Considering the number struck they are scarce, some of them rare, but due to lack of demand, they are reasonably priced. There is a reason for their scarcity. A news item of 1882 says "The U. S. Mint in Philadelphia has lately received over two tons of Three Cent silver pieces, only about one-fifth of those to be brought in from the various sub-treasuries, there having already been redeemed more than ten tons. The three cent pieces in the Mint would fill three large wagons. They will be recoined into dimes." The 1864 with only 470 minted and the 1873 with only 600 are the rarest dates."

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## Collectingly

Latin Brevity. One reason so many of the legends on coins, medals, seals, and coats of arms are in Latin is that so much can be said in so few words when the Latin language is used. Big values in small packages — much said in a few words.

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Death Penalty. Down through the ages, until just recently, counterfeiting in all nations has carried the death penalty. Even as late as 1825 in this country there was a ruling of the Mint that any mint employee debasing the currency "shall be deemed guilty of felony, and shall suffer death."

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Bawbee. A debased silver coin representing six Scotch pennies, first issued about 1541. The origin of the name, Bawbee, is uncertain. Some claim it is from the moneyer, Sil-

bawbye; others say it is so called because it was the price charged to court attendants for taking a look at an infant Royal babe (baby-bawbie bawbie).

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Quality not Quantity. The "8 THOUS" — or other similar number — seen on some of the California gold pieces refers to the fineness of the metal and not in any way to denomination of the coin.

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Steel Pennies are to live their lives and die a natural death; the government has no intention of retiring them from circulation. It is possible that the banks may segregate the to save time, as they have to be scrutinized so carefully by the teller to make sure they are not taking tokens or slugs.

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Thousand Dollar Bills at a discount. It is reported that black marketers and certain others so \$1,000 bills at a discount rather than deposit in banks for fear Uncle Sam's watchful eye tracing the bills to their source and trapping the owners.

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"Hirohito shouldn't feel too downhearted over having gambled and lost," says Louie Bowman in the Tri-County News, "since Lady Godiva put all she had on a white horse too. Yea, but Godiva placed all she had on the winning horse, while Hirohito's choice was a loser."

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Awful Indeed. Even Dumb Do would not have made such an awful mistake. In Italy recently seven Italians were apprehended with a large supply of counterfeit \$50 bills. The bills bore the words "redeemable in AWFUL currency of the United States Treasury". The work on the bills was so crude that they would have been awful even if they had been lawful.

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## Numismatics

The study of old coins was in the past done in an amateurish spirit, but it has now become a special branch of study. According to the statement of collectors, there are 7,000 varieties of old coins, and some of them more than 5,000 years old. While I do not believe that the statement is reliable, I think it is quite true that some of them can be dated back 3,000 or 2,500 years. From these coins, which were the medium of exchange in ancient times, we can enter the economic conditions of ancient China. From the middle age of China down to the present, every period had its own coins. Whenever an Emperor came to the throne, new coins were minted, so that on examining the quality, size, and the workmanship of these coins we can reach the economic conditions of the time. Again, the collectors of old coins are also interested in the different kinds of money that have come from abroad so that we have some idea as to the commercial relations between China and her neighboring countries.

From "Archaeology in China," Liang Chi Chao, in Annual Report Smithsonian Institution, 1927.

## Library-ize the Coin Clubs

Coin clubs should be clearing houses for numismatic information, not just for small-fry coin speculators. Clubs should build up a coin library rather than a coin collection; let them furnish information, the members the coin exhibits. What benefits coin club members, collectively or individually, derive from a seldom seen all club coin collection in comparison to the opportunity of becoming a student through the books of a big club library. New members could be impressed with the story behind the coin, not with the price upon the coin. They should be advised at books to read, not what coins to buy; knowledge will make them wiser. You can get coin values from dealers' price lists, but you can gain coin knowledge mostly from the books of a library. The open market may set the price of a coin, but it does not establish its numismatic value. A worn copper cent has the same numismatic value as a rare gold proof coin, in some instances more. As the Coffin says, "It is a rare coin indeed that will not disclose to us interesting historical or romantic story." The most useful member in a club is the one with the most knowledge, not the most numbers of coins. After gaining knowledge, don't use it, be a free-spender of your information. Farran Zerbe and D. C. Moser are not famed alone for their large collections, but for their spendthrift of knowledge, for their many and Samaritan numismatic deeds, for their constant knowledge of the numismatic field. It is what a man has in his head, not in his purse, that counts; and it is what a club has in its library, not in its coin collection, that pays the biggest dividends. Knowledge truly is power, so make your club powerful by library-ing it. Democracy rests on the school house and numismatism on the educational coin clubs.

## Die Variations

You who find it a needle in a haystack job to locate missing dates and missing mint marks, well it might be lot worse. Think of the collector who specializes in die-variations. Die variations appear mostly in our early image due to the crude machinery and dies used at that time. As one collector exaggeratingly remarked, there were more die-variations than stars in the sky. The variation collecting is confined mostly to men of leisure, infinite patience and plenty of means. To get an idea of the numberless variations, read in an auction sale catalogue a description of the early cents offered. There are at least fifty die variations in the 1794 cents alone. Believing that other fellow's job is always easier than your own does not apply when the other fellow is a variationist. Missing in missing dates or mint marks is merely a matter of how much can I afford to spend, while die variations it is where can I find. Variations are not classed as "rears"; rears are accidental or misprints in minting while variations are natural-haps in line of duty.

# Money of Yesteryear

By CHARLES FRENCH

## Answering An Inquiry

I was interested to read of your acquisition of 140 old coins, but to tell you the truth, it would be difficult for me to tell whether your coin is a Willow Tree three pence from the description given. It is not advisable for you to clean the coins unless you are experienced in this, for very often coins can be harmed in cleaning.

There are thousands of coins in the world, and there is no book that will show all of them. The books you have are good ones, but as I say some of the pieces you have, probably could be found in books specializing in more detail.

The vast majority of Foreign coins, if they be struck in base metals are, for the most part, not very valuable from a standpoint of money. If the pieces were gold, or silver dollar size crowns, then of course their value would most likely be considerable.

I doubt whether you will be able to realize twice face value for your Roosevelt dimes; this price is merely a catalog value and cost coins sell under this valuation.

The Proof "look" is mirror-like lustre, but the coin must be perfect, just like the day it was made to be considered a proof.

The quarters of 1927 and 1928 must be in brilliant uncirculated condition to realize the \$1.50 you mention. The fact that you had them in your pocket would take them out of that category.

## COMMEMORATIVE NOTE

After discontinuance of the approving of new issues of commemorative half dollars in 1937, none were authorized until 1946 when we had the limited issue of Iowa halves and the authorized issue of Booker T. Washington halves. This latter issue was for one million coins, and in order to sell them a recurrence of the "Texas, Arkansas, Boone" and such issues has occurred, that is, the practice of issuing new short series every year. 1946 saw the Booker T. Washington coined at all mints, Philadelphia, Denver, and San Francisco, as did 1947, 1948 and now 1949. The 1946 set of PD & S are now selling for the price they did in 1946 namely \$4.50 per set, the 1947 \$6.00 per set, the 1948 \$7.50 per set and the 1949s are \$8.50.

While the practice of issuing such coins each year will undoubtedly bring more revenue for the commission issuing them, the duplication of these pieces does not tend to enhance the beauty of ones commemorative coin collection. Due to this many collectors have resorted to the collecting of Types of commemorative coins and not have innumerable coins with the same design. This practice also freezes out the artificially made "rarities".

The practice of so much repetition,

in my opinion has also been a contributory factor in the government's frowning upon new issues.

In my opinion, an adequate solution to this problem would be a law restricting the issuance of commemorative coins to one type coin per year, that this piece be struck by the mint and distributed like the proof sets used to be, namely issue as many as there are orders for during that year only, and that the denomination of all commemorative coins be a silver dollar, a denomination that is little used in circulation and therefore would not confound our coinages. That the mint sell these coins at face value, plus the cost of coining them that they be made in proofs, and that a commission be set up to determine what is the most fitting event of the year to be commemorated by the coin.—C. F.

Money quotes from various sources kindly furnished by Morris Freedman.

Wealth gives influence — it is learning and worth which adorn. Money is the servant of some, the master of others, the god of still more. When money makes a man, the loss of it unmans him. Money is the sinews of enterprise, and the nerve of war. Wealth is a very dangerous inheritance except the inheritance is trained to active benevolence. Gold is next to God as a maker, and next to Satan as a destroyer. Hoarded coins like hoarded secrets are apt to lose their value. There are two metals, one of which is omnipotent in the cabinet and the other in the camp, gold and iron; he that knows how to apply them both may indeed attain the highest station, but he must know something more to keep it. A man who is furnished with argument from the mint will convince his antagonist much sooner than one who draws them from reason and philosophy. Gold is a wonderful cleaver of the understanding; it dissipates every doubt and scruple in an instant, accommodates itself to the meanest capacities, silences the loud and clamorous, and brings over the most obsolete for iron-bracelets.—F. C. R.

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# THE MYSTERY OF THE IRISH SEAL

By VERNON VARICK

In Appendix No. 23 of the "Report of the Secret Committee of the Irish House of Commons," printed in 1799, there is an engraving of the impression of a seal said to have been intended as "The Great Seal of the Irish Republic." Only recently the dream of an Irish republic became a reality, and the birth of "Eire" aimed the headlines of our newspapers for a single day, but back in 1799, the dreams of Irish independence were seriously regarded by the English who were then witnessing the effect of the French Revolution in world politics. Among the Irish patriots of that period was Lord Edward Fitzgerald who having been arrested in Dublin, his wife, better known as Pamela, took refuge in the house of Lord Concurry, in Merriam-street. His lordship, however, was not aware of the lady's presence. She was traced to the Concurry residence by the police and some of her

papers were discovered on the premises along with a seal which was pronounced by the "intidnuncs" of the Castle to be "the intended Great Seal of the Irish Republic." The great seal is described as follows: "In a circle, Hibernia holding in her right hand an imperial crown over a shield. On her left hand is an Irish harp, over it a dagger, and at its foot lie two hogs."

After the excitement had cooled a bit, it was discovered that the seal found in Fitzgerald's personal effects was a cast made in glass by Tassie, Leicester-square, from an original cut for Lord Concurry, by Strongithorn. The true description of the seal is given in Lord Concurry's "Personal Recollections." The device is a harp, from which Britannia (not Hibernia) has removed with the right hand, not an imperial but an Irish crown, and planted a dagger in its stead. Her left hand is represented as breaking the strings of the harp; at the foot of which lie, not two hogs, but two Irish wolf-dogs sleeping at their post. Britannia is arrayed in her ordinary helmet; and her child, bearing the cross of St. George, lies beside her; the crown in her hand is without a doubt the old Irish pointed-diadem. The seal itself was not designed for the broad seal of the Irish, but was simply a fancy emblem which Lord Concurry chose to illustrate his patriotic enthusiasm.

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For Numismatic Records, and for the benefit of future historians who might scan the pages of HOBBIES' numismatic section for Indian-money information, and for all coin collectors in general, a paragraph from an article by Allen Brown in January 1949 number of HOBBIES, "Land Of The Orange Flour," Seminole Indians of Florida, should be re-printed in the numismatic section. Quote:—Seminole vocabulary is limited. Their names for a few White Man's commodities are: "Ko-no-wa" (Stone beads) is their word for money. "Hat-ki" (white) is their word for silver; "La-ni" is their word for gold; "Nah-hi-tsi-teat-ti-ko-na-wa" (paper stone beads) is their word for green-back currency.

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In undertaking the photographic shooting schedule for *Mixed Train Daily*, a schedule, it might be remarked which covered three years' time and 75,000 miles of overland travel in the United States and Mexico, my collaborator and associate, Charles Clegg, and I decided on a drastic revision of the photographic routine and pattern which we have evolved in working on our earlier books of railroad photographs such as *Highball and High Iron*.

The technique of train photography, generally speaking, has in the past been governed by rigid conventions and observances. It has been wholly explicit, concerning itself solely with the picturing of railroad motive power

and equipment to the rigid exclusion of background and atmospheric rounding material and has been conditioned by problems of composition, lighting, and the other photographic considerations.

In the current generation of road photographers the three-quarter head-on action shot has come to standard practice, and the stop of motion in side rods, steam smoke exhaust, drive wheels, and culminated mechanism of valve gear rod assembly has become as accepted a cliché as the train crew group around the locomotive pilot within the practice of the turn of the century.

Because we were anxious *Mixed Train Daily* should become item of authentic Americana a picture record of an even now disappearing aspect of national life, the short line railroad operations and motive power, the same time became convinced more than the simple, ponderable cars, locomotives, and installations should be our pictorial concern. We aimed to include backgrounds and atmospheric incidentals which suggest the countryside in which little railroad had its being, and action shots in the depots and yards remote farm lands which would show its social and economic function. Short lines with which we were concerned were so modest in their

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s, some being possessed of but a single engine, an ancient wooden combine car, and ten miles of rusty track. William McKinley vintage, that they had about them distinct and sometimes eccentric personalities, and these we tried to incorporate in theitorial record.

We discovered, for example, that the head-end (locomotive) crew of the narrow-gauge East Tennessee and Western North Carolina Railroad maintained a pet possum in the tool box of their engine, that the fireman and engineer of the Live Oak, Perry and Gulf in deepest Florida ornamented the headlight of their stately road burner with a pair of deer antlers, and that the daily mixed train from the sylvan Arcade and Attica in western New York State came to its terminus directly under the tap room windows of a wonderful early nineteenth century tavern still doing business as The Old Stage House, at Attica. These details, this atmosphere of background and personality were quick to incorporate into our reports of these railroads where, according to the best practice in railroad photographic circles only a few years ago, anything but stills of motionless power or action shots of moving trains would have been arbitrarily eliminated.

When we discovered that the two best institutions in Louisville, Georgia—  
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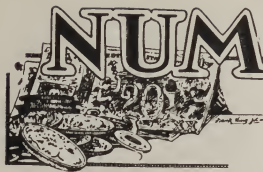


*Pastel in Spanish Moss. Tremont & Gulf R.R.*



*End of Track. San Louis Valley Southern R.R.*





## NUMISMATIC THOUGHTS

By FRANK C. ROSS

### A Mid-West Bank Collection

The Chase National Bank (New York) collection of rare coins is one of the most complete collections in the world. But the Chase Bank collection will have to watch its pace, for it has a competitor in the coin collection of the Sedalia (Mo.) Bank and Trust Company. The Sedalia's bank collection is displayed in a solid walnut case specially built for it. It might be termed an All-American collection as most of the specimens are of American mintage, metal and paper currency from Colonial days down to date, with their knifolks, Confederate notes, tokens, and emergency money. Sedalia, a city of about 30,000 people, is the logical place for a notable coin collection, for it has the proud boast of having its name on the Missouri Centennial half dollars, 1821-1921, a coveted numismatic distinction. Here is hoping, and predicting, that the Sedalia Bank and Trust Company's rare coin collection will in time be to the Midwest what the Chase National Bank collection is to the East.

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### "Advertisement" Bank Notes

Paper currency is the gentler sex of money. Being made of fragile material it has to be treated with more loving care than coins. Monetarily it is on a par with hard money, but as the author of American History it is above par. It is more pictorial. In addition to recording the many monetary eras, it portrays many epochal events and many personages of American history. On old bank notes and other paper currency are reproductions of many famous paintings, and pictures of epochal events conceived by the artists preparing the notes. If the pictures shown on all our paper money were reproduced in book form with a brief

would be a best seller and a most valuable book in museums and colleges. Now that the collecting of paper currency is becoming so popular, there is one phase the collectors should be familiar with, the "advertising" notes, so that the few of them left will be preserved. They are rare items. Occasionally when rummaging family heirloom boxes there is found a slip of paper about the size of the old large sized notes. On one side it appears as a bank note, but on the other side is a full page advertisement of some business concern. To the finder, the advertisement brands the note as an advertisement canard and the "scrap of paper" is thrown away. As D. C. Wismer, that grand old man of paper currency fame said:—"The advertisement really proves the genuineness of the note; many of the old bank notes were used in this way. They were handed out as interesting advertisements, and kept by many recipients for a period and thrown away and destroyed, so that notes with advertisements on the back are really rare. The notes of the River Raisin and Lake Erie R. R. Co. of Monroe, Michigan, were extensively used in Philadelphia for advertisement, at least ten different merchants used them, and it is remarkable how few have survived." The notes of the old Drovers Bank of St. Joseph, Mo., specimens of which I have seen, contain an advertisement of a fish merchant.

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### The Deseret Bee Hives

Much has been made over the California privately minted gold coins of the Gold Rush era, but the Deseret Honey Bee of the Utah Mormons has been treated as a fifth wheel of pioneer gold coinage, by collectors. California privately minted gold coins represent only an emergency in the pioneer life of a few settlers; Mormon gold coins represent the birth of a new religious sect, and being a religious coin it will in time, become a world famous with a big premium value. They were coined in 1849-1860 in a mint personally supervised by Brigham Young himself. The Mormon settlement was at first called "State of Deseret" (meaning honey bee) and afterwards Utah. The bee hive is shown on the coins. On almost all the issues the coins have

the familiar Mormon symbol, clasped hands, along with the Mormon slogan "Holiness to the Lord." The clasped hands (strength in unity) somewhat parallels our E Pluribus Unum, the "Holiness to the Lord" is so what similar to our In God We Trust. Most of the coins were under gold that is, worth less than face value. When the Mormon mint ceased operations, and regular U. S. coins succeeded the Deseret coins, the Hives for some reason, principally doubt because of their short work made a hasty A.W.O.L., and are very scarce and of high premium value. These coins are not just local interest, but of world interest because of their representing monetarily a new religious sect in birthing. There will always come an increasing demand for the World Famouses.

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### Wild Cats

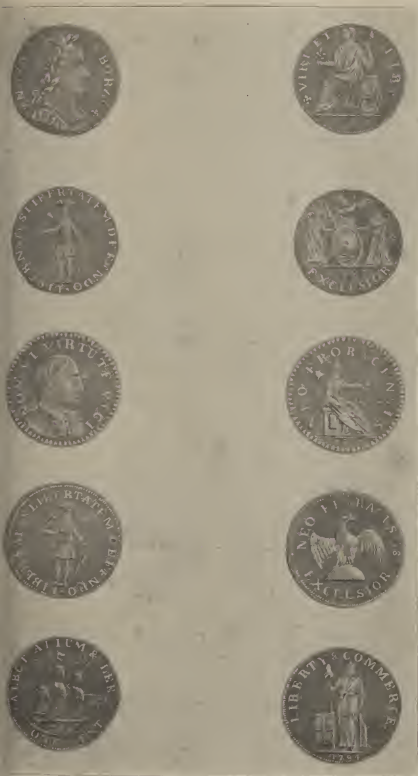
The Book of Genesis says

pictured on them, the notes, and bank of issue, were designated "Wild cats." Due to lack of evidence, other Michigan banks followed. As a consequence, all unsound bank notes were given the name "wild cats," a name that has spread and remained. As George gave the snake a bad name that it has been unable to shed, so numismatists given the little feline, the cat of forests, an undeserved name. Wild cat notes are remnants of a critical monetary era of American life, and are much in demand by numismatists and museums. It is sure, the wild cats themselves, are not erecting monuments to the memory of the banker placed their likeness on their notes.

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### Mr. Ross Temporarily Indisposed

Doctor's orders have seen that HOBBIES' loyal friend and tributor, Frank C. Ross of K City, is at his leisure to water coning of the 1949 spring season. From his lawn chair, he's free to enjoy the warm sunshine and the companionship of his neighbors. He joins HOBBIES' staff in wishing him a speedy recovery in the ahead.



### NEW YORK TOKENS

From a Documentary History of the State of New York, Albany, 1849.

Courtesy Arthur T. Ward, New York collector.

tokens on this plate are from a collection made by Mr. Vattermare of the French government, and are used to be specimens of the ear-copper currency in this State.

**Device.** A bust in Roman armor with a fillet of laurel.

**Legend.** NOVA EBORAC.

**Reverse.** The genius of Freedom, holding a sprig of laurel in her right hand, and a staff surmounted by a cap of liberty in her left hand; at her feet, a shield on which are depicted the Arms of the State. This

figure resembles that of Britannia on the old English coins.

**II. Device.** An Indian chief with a tomahawk in his right, and a bow in his left hand; at his back depend his quiver and arrows.

**Legend.** LIBER NATUS LIBERTATEM DEFENDO.

**Reverse.** Arms of the State of New-York, complete.

**Legend.** EXCELSIOR, 1787

**III. Device.** Bust intended for that of General Washington.

**Legend.** NON VI VIRTUTE VICI.

**Reverse.** Liberty seated; a staff surmounted with a cap of liberty in her right, and scales of justice in her left hand.

**Legend.** NEO-EBORACENSIS. 1786.

**IV. Device and Legend.** Same as No. II.

**Reverse.** Crest of the State Arms; an Eagle proper on a half globe.

1787.

1787.

**V. Device.** A ship under full sail.

**Legend.** TALBOT ALLUM & LEE NEW YORK; One Cent.

**Reverse.** A full length figure of Liberty, holding a staff surmounted by a liberty cap in her right hand, whilst she supports a rudder in her left. A bale of merchandize at her feet.

**Legend.** LIBERTY & COMMERCE 1794.

Figs. I. and V. are in the collection of the Albany Institute.

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## Coins of Yesteryear

By CHARLES FRENCH

### Good Counsel

We often picture a coin collector as an old man poring over his coin collection. Yes, there are plenty of old men collecting coins who are young in heart. Has it ever occurred to you that this coin collecting hobby might have a great deal to do with them having lived to a ripe old age?

It is generally conceded that we all should have some hobby, whether it be collecting such things as coins, stamps, buttons, antiques, or old guns, or whether it be of the more energetic type of fishing, hunting, horseback riding, baseball, prize fights or golf. A hobby is essential to the well being of every hard working person. It relieves the tension of a hard day's work, gets your mind out of the same old groove and gives you a much needed change. After all, that is all a vacation can do for you. The pursuit of your particular hobby adds spice to your life. There can never be a dull moment. I feel sorry for the individual who has no hobby. What a drab life to lead, nothing of interest to talk about, nothing to do in the line of recreation.

### INVESTMENT

As to coins, I've often heard someone say, "Spend a quarter for a nickel? I've never heard of such extravagance!" Extravagance? That nickel probably completes that collector's set of nickels. That is a real thrill and he will spend many an hour showing that complete set to friends and together they study the coins. That is pretty reasonable expense for amusement, twenty cents premium for one coin worth about \$11 of pleasure. Compare it to the pleasure you would get, say out of two packs of cigarettes? And after they are gone what would you have left? In

the case of the collector and his nickel, he probably will enjoy the coin for years, and then when it is time to sell it, why the coin probably will have appreciated in value to the point that it will bring a good premium. Yes, sir, everyone should have some kind of a hobby. If you do not have one now, better start searching!

### LEGENDS

Every section of the country has its own local rumors and legends about coins, Troy, N. Y., where I live has many, and some are very interesting!

Years ago, a bell manufacturer in Watervliet, N. Y., contracted to purchase from the Government all the recalled large cents to be made into bells. Legend has it that at one time over five barrels full of large cents were on hand at the place! Think what a collector's heaven they would be today; the chance to go over all those cents. Too bad they are all melted up. They say boys used to sneak into the foundry at the time and pitch coppers into the river!

Here's a legend you treasure hunters might like to follow up! It is a traditional story that during the Revolution, a British sloop, full of English gold guineas, went down somewhere around Schuylerville, N. Y. The guineas were intended to be used in payment of the British soldiers. So date they have not been found. (Probably won't now, for the river would have washed them down through all these years, I think).

Down Rensselaer, N. Y., way we hear of an old store which closed its doors in 1815 or thereabouts. Still locked up in there, is supposed to be a safe, in which there are two large bags full of coins taken in over the counter before the store closed. Reason? The combination of the lock was broken and no one ever has tried hard to open the safe. If it were true, most of these coins would be in excellent condition, and some would be undoubtedly be worth a considerable amount.

### LOCAL COLLECTORS

What about Troy's old time coin collectors? We know where some of their collections have gone, one late bank president's collection is in the hands of his son. Another I pur-

chased several years ago. Another bank director had his extensive collection stolen. There must have been more. Records of others are completely lost and those descendant old time coin collectors might well have a collection in their hands of great value, and not realize it.

Many old timers will remember Van Allen Kimmey, originally from New Jersey and Staten Island, spent his last years in Troy, de and collecting coins. He always had a few unusual pieces in his pocket, proof coins carefully wrapped, and terms not frequently come across.

He always had with him his Flying Eagle cent. He cut an impressive figure with his goatee. He always wanted to buy gold dollars, never would! All local coin men regretted his passing.

Many will remember Mr. Sargent and his 1804 silver dollar—prized for years, this finally turned out to be an altered date.

The late Henry Colving was reputed to have had one of the celebrated collections in this section. His coins were accumulated over a period of years, and the choicest specimens only, were in his collection. Rare colonial cents, United States cents, in fact, a complete set of the United States coins. The coins were kept in his bank and were always available for inspection to all. Mr. Colvin did much to further the hobby of coin collecting.

The Brand collection was another of great repute, started in 1848. Brand made it a business to acquire from that date on, specimens of all denominations of all United States coins. When proofs were first issued, two sets were required for each denomination complete until 1894! Purchased through the known dealers of the day, he acquired practically a complete set of coins struck by the United States from 1793 on and in superb condition!

Undoubtedly, the two above mentioned collections were inspired by the standing collections that were in Albany at the same time, the French collection which was sold at auction in Albany ran up in the thousands of dollars and was still referred to for its great rarity.

Turning our eyes north of Troy to old time undertaker used to sell coins in Hoosick Falls. He was foreign silver dollar sized and his sales were, for years, in the kind of collection you would find in that section. American colonial and foreign coins were sold in this territory. Demonstrating his day was good for these, but records show he attained remarkable prices for the times.

Tracing old coin collections is a hobby is sometimes very busy. During the days of the collection undoubtedly the coins were known, but at the time it seemed many of these collections were away and forgotten at the dealer's collector that now, no trace be found. I know of one man who traced a collection originally from Albany to a home near

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The Maoria were the aborigines of New Zealand; when settlers introduced money into the Island the Maoria called silver coins "moni torra," money dollars.

What is more divinely blissful than love well mixed with honey? My answer is to that old quiz, it's love well mixed with money.

The Rebirth of a Nation and of its currency. A British firm is to mint coins for the re-born nation of Israel. They will bear designs based on ancient Jewish money, and will be the first issue of Israel coins in more than 2000 years. Israel is, in a manner, not a new nation, but an old nation released from bondage; and its mintage is not that of a new currency, but a resumption of mintage suspended centuries ago. These Jewish coins will be of more numismatic interest than coins issued by other countries of the world's "revised geography."—F. C. R.

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Hohenzollern was a province of Prussia in the days before the world war and the fall of the imperial house of the same name. It consisted of a narrow strip of land entirely surrounded by the territories of Wurttemberg and Baden. In 1871, when the German empire was established, Hohenzollern had an area of 453

square miles and a population of 65,000. It was divided into the districts of Hechingen and Sigmaringen, which ranked as mediatised principalities.

The Hohenzollern family traces its descent from Count Thassilo, who lived about the beginning of the 9th century and who founded a castle near Hechingen, on the Zollern heights, whence his descendants derived their patronymic. About 1165 the first separation took place, Frederick IV. founding the elder or Swabian line, and Konrad I. the younger or Franconian line. The elder line was subdivided in 1576, into the branches of Hohenzollern-Hechingen and Hohenzollern-Sigmaringen.

Frederick VI., the representative of the younger line, in 1415 received from the Emperor Sigismund the investiture of the electorate of Brandenburg, thus founding the dynasty that later ruled Prussia as kings and with the defeat of France in 1871 became the imperial house of a new German empire. The two branches of the elder line continued unbroken until 1849, when, in accordance with a family compact formed in 1821, which declared the king of Prussia chief of the joint houses, the reigning princes of Hohenzollern - Hechingen and Hohenzollern - Sigmaringen ceded their respective rights and principalities to that monarch, who agreed to pay an annual pension of 15,000 thalers to the former, and one of 25,000 thalers to the latter. The princes were to retain their estates and bear the title of Highness, but were to exercise no act of sovereignty such as maintaining an army or to coin money and such other prerogatives of a sovereign prince.

### BRIEFS

The leaning tower of Pisa is now secondary to the leaning power of Italy, and the old native lira currency of Italy is even lean-ier.

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The \$1.00 bill of the Merchants Bank of Trenton, N. J. is claimed to be the earliest portrait of Lincoln on paper money.

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Much mention is made of the Chinese coin with an automobile shown thereon; China has nothing on us, for our \$10 bill has the same phenomena.

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News item: Money in circulation at the end of the fiscal year, June 30th, reached the all high record; \$17,414,151,356, or \$128.37 per person.

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"Money may buy the husk of many things, but not the kernel. It brings you food but not appetite, medicine but not health, acquaintances but not friends, servants but not faithfulness, days of joys but not peace and happiness."—Henrik Ibsen

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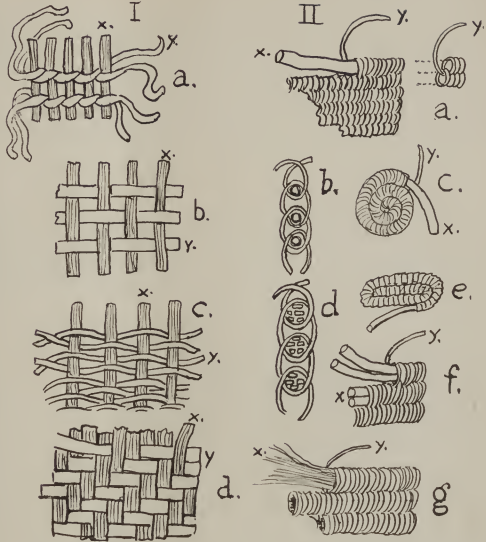
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8/18/1814, m. Charity Jerole-  
man in 1773, & was a Rev. sol-  
dier.—G. D., Ill.
- Q. 642: BURGESS - HARRIS—Want-  
ed date & place of birth of  
Richard Burgess above who  
died 1863 Bolivar, Tenn. Date  
& place of birth & death of  
wife, Mary Ann Harris,  
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*"Top to the Hill" Cabin in Southern Indiana*

(See page 92)

# Mechanical and Electrical Antiques

## HISTORIC STEAM ENGINES

By D. TUDOR HARRELL

"Fierce throated beauty!  
Roll through my chant, with all thy  
lawless music,  
Thy swinging lamps at night;  
Thy piercing, madly whistled  
laughter,  
Thy echoes rousing all;  
Law of thyself complete, thine own  
track firmly holding;  
(no sweetness debonair of tearful  
harp or glib piano thine)  
Thy trills or shrieks by rocks and  
hills returned,  
Launched o'er the prairies wide-  
across the lakes,  
To the free skies, unspent, and glad  
and strong.

—Walt Whitman—

To a Locomotive in Winter

On March 1, 1949, Southern Steam Engine No. 1456, along with 10 others made their last run on the Indian Valley Line (a mythical line at the end of the rainbow, where peace and rest was found), to be replaced by Diesels.

No. 1456, or God's locomotive as she was called was said to have been one of the most beautiful engines in the South and also one of the most famous. Her engineer, who was also a preacher, fashioned her number plate to represent an open Bible with the text of John 17:17.

In 1946 she figured in the wreck of the "Royal Palm and the Ponce de Leon," Georgia's worst train disaster, but through it all her name plate remained intact.

Another famous engine of the Southern Railway was No. 1102, built in the Baldwin Plant at Philadelphia, which plunged off a trestle on Sept. 27, 1903, near Danville, Virginia, thus giving birth to the following folk song by David Graves George:

On a cold and frosty morning in the  
month of September,  
When the clouds were hanging low,  
Ninety-seven pulled out of the Wash-  
ington Station,  
Like an arrow shot from a bow.

—Wreck of the Old Ninety-seven.  
This engine plied between Wash-  
ington and Atlanta, but was dis-

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mantled in the Princeton Shops of the Southern Railway in 1935.

On March 5, 1949, Atlantic Coast Line locomotive No. 7213 presented its bell to a Fulton County, Ga., church.

The engineer of Streamliner Central of Georgia engine No. 810, started a campaign for artificial arms for a 4-year-old, Georgia girl.

The engine which pulled the train used by Admiral Dewey on his return from the battle of Manila Bay had his picture on the front of it, 1898.

The "General" famed engine of the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railway was one of the exhibits of the Chicago Railroad Fair in 1948. The General was captured by Union Soldiers at Kennesaw, Ga., in 1862, while its crew was eating breakfast. It was recaptured after 100 mile chase.

The "Texas," the old war engine, which pursued Andrew's men and recaptured the General on April 12, 1862, owned by the W. & A. Railway is now preserved where space has been made for it in the Cyclorama Building at Atlanta, Ga.

These two engines were wood-burners, being recognized by their bulbous smokestacks, resembling an inverted pear, or funnel, designed to reduce sparks. For fuel and oil cylindrical tanks were used.

Original cow-catchers were made of three foot spikes, which impaled objects rather than pushing them off the tracks. Wooden slats however, were used at this period. Split brooms were attached to the locomotive for sweeping rails, and sandboxes on locomotives were invented because of the grasshopper plague in Pennsylvania in 1830's. Insects on the tracks caused the engines to skid.

The Oregon Sunday Journal of October 10, 1937, carried a clipping to the effect that the first presidential train to visit Pendleton, Ore., was not that of President Roosevelt. Benjamin Harrison and Postmaster John Wanamaker, visited there in May, 1891. This special train was pulled by the little-eight-wheeler, coal-burning Baldwin engine No. 609. A dust storm was raging. The train was lighted by electricity, a dynamo having been installed in the baggage coach at Portland. It also had vestibules, another luxury. The year after the presidential trip the 609 was wrecked near La Grande, with several lives lost.

In 1837, the engine "Sandusky" was built by Rogers, Ketchum and Grosvenor for the Mad River Road of Ohio.

In 1831, the DeWitt Clinton was built for the Mohawk and Hudson



THE OLD WAR ENGINE "TEXAS" IN THE CYCLOPAMA BUILDING, GRANT PARK, ATLANTA, GA.

"The Texas" is the old war engine which successfully pursued Andrew's Raiders who had captured the "General," on April 12th, 1862. "Texas" is a quaint wood-burning engine and was owned by the W. & A. Railway. It is now preserved in all its splendor and housed in the basement of the Cyclorama Building.

Railroad and on August 9, of that year it established a record in American transportation, without a stop, at about 40 m.p.h. and with three coals 15 m.p.h. This engine weighed tons.

The first through railroad was issued in 1831 for travelers between Buffalo and New York, providing only 17 miles of rail travel (Albany to Schenectady). The rest of the journey of 400 miles was made by steamboat, canal packets, etc.

The Delaware and Hudson Company sent Horatio Allen to land to buy two engines from Stephenson, the America, and the Stourbridge Lion. The America arrived in New York on January 15, 1829, and the Lion on the S. S. Columbia on March 1 of the same year. There is no record of the tests of the America, but who had never driven before a successful test of three miles on Honesdale Pa., in August, 1829. Stourbridge Lion was the first locomotive of which there is any record in the United States. It weighed tons and was the first locomotive to ride on American rails. She pulled, however, too heavy for strap rails.

In 1830, The "Tom Thumb" locomotive of the Baltimore & Ohio, America's pioneer railroad, pulled, containing passengers from more, Md., to Ellicott's Mills (Ellicott City) in one and three-quarters. It was a race between a drawn car and the locomotive; the horse won, but this engine set the world's record for speed, 14 miles, for four years.

This same year, the "Best Friend" was built at West Point Foundry New York for the South Carolina Railroad. This was probably the



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practical passenger service in  
erica.

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n Charleston with two carloads of  
engers and came to a tragic end  
n a fireman, noticing  
m escaping from a safety valve,  
it down, thus causing the boiler  
xplode. This was the first Amer-  
engine to explode its boiler.

ne "West Point," second American  
one was tried out March 5, 1831.  
ad bales of cotton-packed behind  
locomotive for protection. In  
the first locomotive in U. S. was  
out on a private track in Ho-  
n, N. J. by James Stevens.

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powerful locomotives, Bad Order  
a crippled one, and Calliope and  
ngine were steam locomotives. The  
y-geared" was the type for log-  
y, "Fairlie" for the mountains and  
"Mother Hubbard" had two cabs  
in the middle of the boiler one for  
engineer and the other in the rear  
the fireman. The "Tank" carried  
er in tanks off the side of the  
r and the fuel supply in the rear.

"Yellowstone" of the Northern Paci-  
Railway was one of the largest  
nes ever built. It weighed 715,000  
nds and tender of 401,000.

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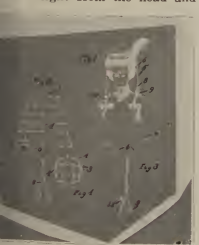
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all weight from the head and



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# NUMISMATICS

## NUMISMATIC THOUGHTS

By FRANK C. ROSS

### Coin Talks

We never have believed there are umpteen-billion germs on a dollar bill, as bacteriologists contend. If that were true, as many dollar bills as we've had to kiss good bye we would have had everything from measles to hydrophobia long before now.—*Olin Miller*

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The word for the base of our monetary system comes by a circuitous route from the German word "thal" which, strangely, has nothing to do with money, but means a dale or valley. Around 1519 a German coin about the same value as the Spanish piece of eight received the name Joachimsthaler because the place where it was minted was located in Joachimsthal (meaning the "dale of Joachim") Bohemia.—*Boston Post*

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"What this country needs is a good five-cent nickel."—*Ed. Wynne*

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"Every penny in the United States is worth 2 cents. A penny is a bronze English coin." (U. S. does not mint pennies, but cents).—*Ripley*

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The robot, or me-can-ical Good Samaritan. It has long been the custom when unfortunate wayfarers die in strange places for the intercessors, though strangers, out of respect of the dead and following precedent, mark the graves of the deceased. South America has improved the custom. Cancos says: "Where wayfarers die at lonely spots in Argentina crosses are erected and a tin can hung from a cross-arm. Into these cans travelers drop coins to be used by any distressed wayfarer."

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Practically the whole world has gone off the coining of gold, probably never to go on again. It might return to the gold standard, but not to gold coins. But this should not discourage the gold-bugs, the collectors of the yellow coins. Ruth Y. Shaw, Paris, Mo., has given a plan to collect even more and better gold; she says, "For gold, I need not look to bonds or gems or land, I find it in the hearts of friends who understand."

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"Puzzlesmith" in the Christian Science Monitor gives us this money puzzle: HOW MANY COINS? Doubtless you are familiar with those

guess contests where you are asked to estimate the number of peas in a jar. Well, here's a jar full of 1-cent pieces, and you have the added advantage in this contest of knowing that others have guessed the number of pennies before you. None of them guessed the correct number, however. But four competitors, whose guesses were near the mark, give you the advantage of trying again. Their estimates were 163, 169, 173, and 185 respectively. Now one of these numbers is 1 out, another 6 out, another 10 out, and the fourth 16 out. How many pennies did the jar contain?

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"In America the Goddess of Liberty is stamped on men's hearts as well as on the coins in their pockets."—*Sergeant York*

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Put that bunch of supposedly no-good "I O U's" in your coin collection; it belongs there. In Boulia, an Australian town, I. O. U's are not just a form of money, but legal-tender. John Hix says:—Boulia, town in northwest Queensland, Australia, has no banks and it is impracticable for tradesmen to carry sufficient quantities of regular currency. Thus I. O. U's have become legal tender.

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It would be mighty convenient if all our coins had holes in them so we could mount them with thumb-tacks.

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If you have money enjoy it, for there is no pleasure in the grave and death will not be late in coming.—*The Talmud*

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Of interest to token collectors. Rice pudding might not have been exactly a hard-times token, but it surely was a token of hard times. Robert Pilgrim says the Rice pudding originated as a hard-times dish for the poor in England, 1795, on account of an acute shortage of wheat flour.

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You can't build up a coin collection by wishful wishing—put your shoulder to the wheel and keep a pushing. "Success is one ladder you cannot

climb with your hands in your pockets."

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Quite a bonfire. It is claimed government destroys about 75 million dollars of old paper money each year.

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Every beginner dreams of having a major collection. I want your dreams to come true and to oversleep."

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Once in a century. In Nuremberg a square Ducat was to commemorate the beginning of a new century. But once in a century it has been beaten. In 248 Roman coin was struck to commemorate Rome's 1000th year anniversary.

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We mention two denominations in purchases of more than a dollar and a quarter, for I never a quarter and a dime for five cents. It seems to be different in London. A refugee lad in of his R.A.F. pin said: "I have with my own money and it is six." That is about 37 money here, one shilling is and a sixpence is 12 cents.

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It might be different now his time Edgar Allan Poe Parisian women had small pin it was only their money they in their pocket-books. The an American woman, said I be large enough to carry money and the soul of its own. Poe been prophetic he might "at a future date they will, tion to money and soul, complete ward-robe and many other articles in their money."

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The new Croatian government adopt the "kuna" as its unit of change. In early America people used furs of animals of value; in early Balkan furs of the marten were used term "kuna" meant the value of a marten fur.

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### Symbols

Next to translating foreign mottoes, the studying of symbols and medals is next. The symbols are not just figures.

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## The Club Is The Thing

Nationally a political party is as strong as the grass-roots; a religious sect is as strong as the local meeting houses. Numismatism is as strong as its local clubs. It is not the "nationals" that sustain the "locals", but vice versa. To be nationally strong numismatics must be locally backed; local clubs can thrive without national backing, but nationalism depends on localism. National numismatics should center its activities in the forming of local clubs; clubs should center their activities in making the club the neighborhood numismatic clearing-house. The public should be taught the thrill of coin collecting is in the study and knowledge of all coins, not in the possession of a few rarities. A club's membership is not limited to the number of known collectors, but to the number of new collectors the club can make. The recruiting field is unlimited. Practically every man is interested in old coins and has a few of them put away some place. It is the club members duty to arouse the interest of this lukewarmer and convert him into a "known collector", and, a club member. The job is easy; just arouse his curiosity by pointing out to him the curiosities of coinage. Every man is merely a small boy in long pants, and "a small boy is a stomach surrounded by curiosity." The nationalizing of numismatism rests on the local clubs; the more local clubs the more nationalizing. To nationalize, localize. "Take care of your pennies and the dollar will take care of itself." Take care of your locals and the national will take care of itself.

In organization there is strength. When the world was big, distances far, areas larger, and people shy on diversion, a crusader of some ism or some movement found no trouble in drawing an audience, but now that the world is small, distances shortened by automobiles, areas lessened by telephone, radio and press, and no lack of diversion, a solo crusader speaks to empty seats. Movements and activities are now carried on through organizations, a multiplicity of trained hands supplanting individual untrained effort. Political, religious, charity, lodge, hobby, and other activities are now thoroughly organized. Coin collecting had always tarried for lack of concrete organized efforts. Then came the coin clubs throughout the nation and placed numismatics on first base. If the runner at first is to be advanced and finally made to reach home plate, more clubs must be organized. National, state, inter-state and large local clubs should make it their objective to start new clubs in other towns in their vicinity. That is just common horse sense, for the more clubs there are the more collectors there are, and the more collectors there are the merrier. It is not hard to start a club; it just requires a little common horse sense. And once a club is started it only requires common horse sense to run it. Now that numismatics, due to the many coin clubs and consequent publicity, is on

first base, let's make some hits behind it and advance it to home plate. All that is needed is some common horse sense action. And speaking of horse sense, Tom Collins had something there when he added: "A fellow told me the other day that the term "horse sense" originated because nobody ever could remember two horses colliding with each other on a highway."

"Horse sense is just stable thinking", so let's apply it to our hobby and organize more coin clubs.

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## Miscellanea

The privately minted gold 1 dollar, 1/2 dollar and 1/4 dollar of early California carried the word "dollar" on them. About fifty years ago some jewelers issued duplicates as souvenirs, omitting the word "dollar." The imitations are mostly of a lower grade of gold. The original coins are of considerable value, but the imitations carry no premium. Before buying one of these minor California gold pieces, make sure it is a genuine and not an imitation. The manufacturers sold the imitations as souvenirs; it was a later generation which found them in the family trinket box and mistook them for coins that caused all the trouble.

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"Until death do you part" may be applied to the twin gold and silver as well as to bride and groom. For centuries in all commercialized nations gold and silver have been, taken together, the back-bone of their currencies. To speak of gold and silver as having matrimonially traveled the road down through the ages is not altogether allegorical. They were married many centuries ago and apparently lived happily ever after. "Alchemists followed the mysticism introduced by Arabian and Alexandrian schools, and spoke of gold as 'the red bridegroom' and silver as 'the lily bride.'"

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This "75 Years Ago" item (1867) in the Kansas City Journal is of interest numismatically as it brings to mind the effect of the Civil War on our currency, and makes one ponder as to what the present war may bring forth along the same lines. "The 5-cent notes are going out of circulation and the new 5-cent coins are coming in. Two million of these little shiners are turned out every month from the Philadelphia Mint, but as yet few of them have reached this part of the world. A 10-cent coin is also much needed. The government should withdraw all paper money of a less denomination than 25-cents." Scrapbook all coin items during and immediately following the present war as they will prove of great benefit in the years to come.

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The word "standard" is claimed originally to have referred to an ensign or banner adopted by a people or an organization as an object around which they may rally. Fr.

standard being a pole or mast set up during a battle. According to others from L. extendere, display. The word "standard" is now universally used also as to the quality of excellence. An article, or a person's behavior, is "up to standard," "below standard," or "above standard." It is possible that numismatics is responsible for the quality of excellence definition of "standard." Numismatics is responsible for many things, and it is safe to assume that this is one of them. "The Romans were in the habit of tossing up their coins in the presence of their legions, and if a piece of money went higher than the top of the ensign flag, it was pronounced to be 'above the standard.'" This is only one of the many interesting and instructive "credits" in the ledger of numismatics.

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—Harry Bosley.



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**Too Big for its Breeches.** Ostensibly the nickle three-cent piece was issued to retire the numerous three-cent scrip of the Civil War. Why did they not use the silver three-cent pieces that had been minted for several years? It has been hinted that the change of metal was at the behest of nickel mining interests. The large nickel three centers were too big for usefulness, for, like the freshly minted steel pennies of 1943, they too much resembled the dime, a great annoyance to buyer and seller. It's early, and continued, obsolescence was due mostly by its over-size. The twenty-cent piece, 1875-1878, met with the same experience; having too much resemblance to the quarter. **MORAL:**— Don't outgrow your breeches.

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**The Great Seal,** because of its being shown on the one-dollar bills is now familiar to Americans, which proves the wisdom of its selection. Mr. Morgenthau says it was Henry Wallace that persuaded him to select the Great Seal to ornament the obverse of the dollar bill.

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"... There exist a number of monuments in Russia which have for a long time puzzled archaeologists." These "are the gorodichtche (from gorod, town), enclosures formed by the earth being thrown up, and these we find invariably on the steep bank of a watercourse, or on a small hill. We are informed that "excavations made, either in the kourgans or in the soil of gorodichtche's, have shown us the Slavs were more civilized than (the Monk) Nestor, who, wrote concerning these ancient works," supposed. Vessels of pottery, tolerably well designed, iron and bronze, gold and silver objects, glass, false pearls, rattlers, prove that they had a certain amount of trade, and a fairly extensive commerce, particularly with Asia. Oriental coins have been dug up, dating from 699, or near two hundred before the arrival of the Varangians. There are a great number of these coins in the country. Near Vorgorod a vase was discovered, containing about 7,000 roubles' worth of this early money. . . ." —History of Russia," by Alfred Rambaud, vol. I, pp. 42-3.

## Golden Reminisce

By HARRY BOSLEY

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**The Jefferson Nickel** has many to delve into the great Declarator. Few people that Colorado came within being the State of Jefferson that part of the state of Kansas known as Colorado petitioned to be established as a territory of Jefferson. In fact congress acted on the matter, delegates met and elected Steele as the governor of the territory.

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An Exchange says a dollar with all the various deducted.

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**Unlucky Thirteen** Not No Exchange quotes I. D. Claring: — If the people advocating of 13 cent piece, patient, they won't need the will be able to use a dix nickel.

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The age of a coin has little with its value. The age like that of a woman, is on ginary quantity.

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During the ten years war in the 1600s, "Russia" money with which 1 army, and she had recovered currency, by which coinage was given a fictitious silver."



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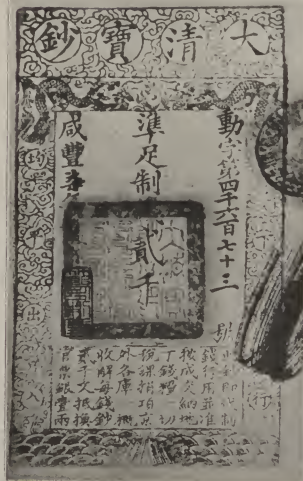
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## Money of Yesteryear

By CHARLES FRENCH

It is recently that there has been a change in the policy of the government in the issuing of new commemorative postage stamps. In the past issues were approved by Congress as is the case with the issuance of commemorative half dollars.

The practice in stamps last year was abused to the extent that a commemorative stamp was being issued for practically anything chickens on up. This system has been changed now, however, and after the Postmaster General has the final say as to what commemorative stamps are to be issued. This will, I think, reduce the quantity of new issues, but will also raise the quality of those to be issued. Both in the event they are commemorative and the attractiveness of design.

During this philatelic information in this coin column to draw the attention of the coin collectors to this change. I think that such an argument for commemorative half dollars would be just as beneficial. Someone in a comparable position as the Postmaster General be the authority to pass and approve the issuance of commemorative dollars. This, I believe, would take all the objections we have in the past of the manner in which commemorative half dollars have been handled.

It seems a shame that this series should be terminated because abuses have crept in. Commemorative coins have been issued since the advent of coins. In the past it was not for some of the commemorative coins struck during the past times, many events of historical interest would today be unimportant. I think that a concerted effort would be made by all coin clubs, associations and the government to insist that ONE really historical coin should be issued each year, and distributed by the government (you must remember that stamp collectors can secure stamps from the Philatelic Service operated by the government).

There have been many experiments in the past with commemorative coins since our first mint opened, ranging to say while these "new" coins were supposed to be a great improvement in their day, not a one of them have been continued and not one is struck today.

Now we have cents, five-cents, quarters, half dollars and dollars, and every one of these "national" coins was adopted prior to 1800 and, with the exceptions of a few skips in coinage, have been used on up to the present time. Commemorative coins were first coined in 1851 and discontinued nine years later in 1873 and were not really issued in large quantities for more than 50 years.

Two-cent nickel pieces were first issued in 1865, discontinued in 1889, and is the case of the two-cent pieces were originally designed to

be convenient in making change, but they were unpopular.

Half-cents, although started in 1793, went by the board in 1857, with the end of large cents, most likely the decreased purchasing power of the dollar ended their existence.

The silver three-cent pieces coined from 1851 through 1873, were unpopular due to their small size, and it was thought the nickel three-cent piece of larger size would be better accepted, but it wasn't.

Twenty-cent pieces, "five for a dollar," were another new idea and coined for only four years—too confusing with a quarter dollar and denomination unnecessary.

We all know the story of the Trade dollar designed for us with the Chinese Foreign trade in competition with the Mexican Dollar, while our trade dollar was heavier, its silver content was inferior and so, they were unpopular and while they were first coined in 1873, regular coinage was discontinued in 1883, ten years later. And the coins were demonetized ten or so years later due to there being so many in use in this country. We had gold \$1 and \$3 pieces both of short life. In fact the only coin that lasted until 1932 was the twenty dollar gold piece, first coined in 1849.

We all have heard of the Dutch purchasing Manhattan Island for \$24 from the Indians or its equivalent and while it was indeed very reasonable on today's standards, it was, at the time most likely a very good price.

There are records of many other purchases of like values from Indians by the Dutch up and down the Hudson Valley and all were based on more or less similar amounts.

One must remember, however, that purchases of such lands was not for developed land but wilderness completely undeveloped with nothing but forest, Indians and wild life ranging in it.

Money, as known in that day, also had a much greater purchasing power, and a man's wealth was rather figured in equipment owned, rather than in coin, and money then was used as it originally was designed to be, namely purely as a medium of exchange, and even here, a good deal of early transactions were consummated without even the mention of money.

The Indians selling this land valued the steel axes, knives and other material much more highly than the land of which they at that time had plenty.

Even among the early settlers themselves, many records can be found indicating payments in other than money. The Van Rensselaer land grants of the colonial days in this vicinity were all rented out and specified payments of "so many peppers, grain and even services such as the use of a horse and buggy, one day per year" were the compensation for the renting of the land. Indeed, even here the value of the land was so low that the yearly rental was next to nothing, perhaps in cash value about \$5 per year!

It is known that lead was of good demand in the early days as most pioneers manufactured their own lead bullets for the primitive guns they used. There are early records where lead bullets were approved as money and passed freely at a stated value, and we can easily understand how this very necessary article, being small and easy to carry would become a desirable medium of exchange with the shortage of coins.

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The Philadelphia mint issued the first American coins in October, 1792.

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During the Civil War, United States currency reached the low ebb of 40 cents on the dollar.

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## Ethiopian Coinage

From A Paper Presented to the  
Abnaby Numismatic Society

In 1896, under Menelik II, Ethiopia not only retained her independence by defeating the Italians at the battle of Adowa (a trouncing that the Italians never forgot), but inaugurated a new and distinctive copper coinage. In that year there were struck at Addis Ababa a series of copper coins in denominations of ¼, ½, and 1 gersh. These bear on the obverse a splendid bust of the emperor wearing an elaborate crown. The legend in Amharic reads, "Menelik II, King of Kings of Ethiopia." Below is the name of the designer, "Lagrange." The reverse bears the denomination and mint marks of Addis Ababa within a beaded circle, and the Amharic legend, "He is triumphant, the lion of the tribe of Judah." Below is the date, 1886 by the Ethiopian era. The Ethiopian era is about seven years and eight months behind our own. Thus 1886 by the Ethiopian era corresponds to 1895-6 by our reckoning.

It is at first rather confusing to read dates in Amharic, since there are five characters where one would expect to find four. The first two characters are for 18, the third represents the hundred, the fourth represents 80, and the fifth is the final digit. The copper coins of this year are all rare, since only 200 of each denomination were struck. In 1897 (1889 Ethiopian) a copper besa, or hundredth part of a talari, was issued to conform to the new decimal coinage. This very closely resembles the rare ¼ gersh of the preceding year. The two issues can be distinguished by the denomination, the date, and the mint symbols. The ¼ gersh of 1896 bears a fasces following the mint letter, the common besa of 1897 bears a torch.

A considerable number of copper pieces were crudely struck at the Addis Ababa mint from dies originally intended for ¼ talari silver coins. These were called besas but passed at about 32 to the talari. On the obverse is a crowded bust of the emperor. On the reverse is a lion passant gardant, wearing a tiara and carrying a cross and banderole to the left. Though all pieces bear the date

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## Values in 1851

A table of values for gold and silver coins.

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Doubloon, Chile 1841.....	75.55
Doubloon, Bolivia 1839.....	15.60
Doubloon, Peru 1827.....	15.60
Doubloon, New Granada.....	15.60
Doubloon, Central America.....	15.60
Half Doubloon, Bolivia, 1836.....	7.75
Quarter Doubloon, Chile, 1840.....	3.80
Quarter Doubloon, Peru.....	3.80
Quarter Doubloon, Colombia.....	3.80
Quarter Doubloon, Bolivia, 1835	3.80
Guinea.....	5.00
Half Guinea.....	2.50
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Spanish Dollar.....	1.01
Spanish Real.....	.12
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Dollar, Colombia.....	1.00
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Dollar, Peru.....	1.00
Two Reals, Central Amer.....	.23
Dollar, Bolivia 1838.....	1.00
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**WANTED: EARLY** radio and wireless items; also catalogs, books, pamphlets. You may find want anywhere. Mimeographed, illustrated, letter showing wanted items for stamp collector. Box 132, Wrightwood, Calif. au3844

**TOP PRICES** for old gold jewelry, gold bridges, crowns, teeth, watch cases, rings, chains, anything old, anything gold.—Clyde O'Neal, 400 Franklin St., Waco, Tex. au3004

**SNUFF BOXES,** false bottoms, concealed pictures.—Gleicher, 3405 Woodley Dr., N.W., Washington 16, D. C. jly4080

**AUTOMOBILES & RAILROADS.** Anything on.—Granhame Hardy, 2046 E. 14th St., Oakland 6, Calif. au6814

**RAILROADS:** Books, timetables, passes, catalogs, photographs, souvenirs, any railroad items, steam or electric, any date.—Granhame Hardy, 2046 E. 14th St., Oakland 6, Calif. au6537

**CIGARETTE TOBACCO CARDS.** All items advertising or issued by Tobacco Companies.—Charles Bray, East Bangor, Penna. mh154201

**MONTGOMERY WARD CATALOGS** all before 1920 wanted. Send for want list, other advertising wanted.—J. Warshaw, 752 West End Ave., New York 25 N. Y. j128001

**WANTED: OLD CYLINDER** phonographs, records, music boxes, discs, mechanical birds, parts, catalogs, literature.—Nugent, 100 North Third, Richmond, Va. au6806

**WANTED: EARLY AUTOMOBILE** items of all descriptions, literature, books, magazines, catalogues, instruction pamphlets, prints, photos and others; anything before 1920. Also want: same plates, emblems, brass oil lamps and bulb horns, auto toys and miniatures of autos before 1920, and any other or unusual auto item. Please describe items and price wanted. No lot too small or too large. We do not make offers unless a large collection is based on us.—Harry A. Weisbord, House of Automobiles, 5728 Rodman St., Philadelphia 43, Pa. au24431

**TRANSPORTATION TOKENS.** Top prices. No tickets. Describe fully.—Lalor, 1018 West 49th St., Los Angeles 27, Calif. j12009

**WANTED: ADVERTISING** pencils, advertising and political buttons, celluloid and metal.—Fred S. Ring, 200 Mineral Springs Ave., Owatonna, Minn. j12612

**CANES:** Must be unusual in design, material or history. Send photo or sketch. Describe fully.—B. W. Cooke, 33 Lakewood Dr., Glenview, Ill. j122741

**OLD RIFLES,** colla, engraved powder horns, flasks, etc.—George Cummings, 28 Harrison St., Dover N. J. je2615

**LETTERS, ANY LOTS** before 1880, with or without covers, family or business.—Alvin Lohr, Box 724, Hagerstown, Md. je6675

**WANTED: OLD PRESIDENTIAL** buttons and badges; old mail order catalogues, old sporting books, guides, old circus material, old cigarette, trade, advertising and playing cards, old thimbles, bank, etc.—D. Settel, 349 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, N. Y. jly3065

**AUTOGRAPHS WANTED,** past, present celebrities. Describe fully. State price.—Dr. Kroner, 273 Ocean Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. j124201

**WANTED: CALIFORNIA,** Nevada, all other Western states. Any historical material. Books, broadsides, photos, letters, diaries, posters, early newspapers, theatre programs, daguerotypes, trade cards, anything else.—Argonaut, 336 Kearny St., San Francisco, Calif. au128551

**OLD MARBLES** and telescopes.—Fred Garland, 1006 Davis Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. jly3291

**CASH** For old wallpapers.—Box 8769, Plaisant, N. H. jly3821

**F. D. ROOSEVELT** items wanted. Books, autographs, campaign material, gadgets, etc.—John Valentine, 1558 Puebla Dr., Glendale 2, Calif. jly8506

**THIMBLES WANTED** I collect the usual and unusual. What do you have? Please write me postage furnished.—Mrs. W. E. Ramstead, 905 W. Meeker St., Kent, Wash. jly128771

**WANTED: OLD MILKING** machines prior to 1900. \$50 for a milk bottle! Will pay \$50 for a milk bottle proven to have been made prior to 1868.—David Quinn, Private Collector, 500 South 27th St., Philadelphia 48, Pa. jly3806

**WANTED: UNUSUAL** Old toothbrushes & toothpicks.—Dr. Francis Blaustein, 33 W. 42 St., New York 18, N. Y. je3632

**WAR MEDALS, DECORATIONS,** foreign or U. S., single items or collections. I pay spot cash. Alfred Batson, 1344 Connecticut, Washington 2, D. C. jly3023

**OLD NEWSPAPERS, CATALOGS** bonds, handbills, posters, trade cards, documents, old checks, odds, ends, etc. Cash, fair dealing.—Calvin D. Jacobsen, R. R. 1, Box 129R, Des Plaines, Ill. jly6006

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**75 YEARS OLD,** colorful unique advertising cards, old costumes, combs, flowers, children, etc. The days of pills and patent medicines. Excellent Americana items. Over 10,000 on hand. 35 selected for \$1 or trial selection \$ for 25c. Lists free.—Lyon Hobby Mart, Box 83, Hartford, Conn. jly3837

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**500 GUMMED LABELS,** printed 1 line or less, \$5c. Extra lines 15c.—Hanniker HP, Minneapolis, Minn.

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**BEAR BOTTLES,** \$1.50; small cruet, \$1.50; paperweight buttons, preston china, school desk \$8, commode nut. Secretary, \$60; cuckoo clocks \$2.50; M. Plum, 635 W. Milwaukee Mich.

**NAME HOBBYST** will compile 20 names for your child, home, business.—Muehroe, Box 36 H, Universal City

**PRIVATE MAILING CARDS.** Heavy dress side white, message side pastel and address on one line up to 70 characters. \$3 for \$1, 200 for \$2. Louisiana add sales tax. Dept. H-1, Charles E. 305 Chartres St., New Orleans, La.

**NEWSPAPER COMICS.** Thousands, dated 1891-1942 inclusive. Sacrifice—H. Menard, St. Louis 4, Mo.

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**Rare hand carved liquor** folding bar combined, secret compartments. Two large figures of one ancient bronze; oxen on dishes, miniatures, etc. Col. Orient. Best offer.—Slatt Cypress, Monterey, Calif.

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**NEW TYPE CERAMIC CLAY,** can home oven, large trial supply, postal order, 879 Bridge Rd., San Leandro, C.

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AL AND UNUSUAL tallies and place mats decorated. Colorful and attractive. John. Laura Jane, 1203 Reed St., Red au3263 au3282

## S RECEIVED

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A remarkable evolution and processes, of importance to of biology, zoology and nat-ory. This book comes in a 8 1/2 inch size, made conven-laboratory and field use as classroom study—B. M. S. oOo

MECHANICS, by J. C. Woodin, by Didier Publishers, 660 Madis-ene, New York 21, N. Y. 192 Price \$3.00.

the rudiments of spring, with vacation plans and new are the yearly cleaning The book, Home Mechanics, hand as a favor to most of or less ignorant of the na-our own households — of regule and perhaps repuhol-niture, how to refinish wood technique for painting it, how plaster, mend screens, or re-ctrical pieces. Rather than g on others for these serv- may all improve our self- by being prepared to per-hese duties intelligently. and other projects need no main a mystery to us, with din's compilation of methods —B. M. S.

LOW, by Tony Onraet, pub- by Didier Publishers, 660 Madis-ene, New York 21, N.Y. 192 pages. 00.

explored north holds a fas-for many. There are many ls who long for adventure ng confidence, money or for er reason stay close to their side. Tony Onraet is one of who heeded the call of the his book he tells of his ws in the North and his for pitchblende, the radi- ng ore. He gives many s accounts of his encounters wild animals of the region, riences in his search for ore. k is one which will provide rs of enjoyable reading for al history collector as well who follow the gems and hobby. It will also fit into y of anyone who is building on of adventure stories. It ly illustrated by Eugene A. with an introduction by Wood who persuaded Tony put some of his experiences ng.—S. N.

## LOTS AND PEPPERS

PEPPERS, Pitchers. Bought sold, ex- and 20¢ for circulars illustrating over- ers, 3157 Boston Ed., North Wilbra- au120211

PEPPERS, Pitchers. Bought, sold, ex- and 20¢ for circulars illustrating over- ers, 337 Commonwealth Ave., Boston au120211

## QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 143)

women wore low heels. Cowboys still stick to them. But, it was pointed out, once either a man or woman starts wearing high heels it is likely to be painful to shift back to low ones. The Achilles tendons in the heels and the great muscles of the calf tend to become shortened and may be painfully stretched by the change.

Somewhat more difficult was the baseball question. Here also, no anatomical reason could be found. The lower arm of a girl slants away from the body at a slightly lower angle than in the case of a boy. That is the only physical difference that could have any effect on throwing, and its tendency should be to cause women to throw overhand. They are more apt to graze the hips with an underhand throw. Fashions of throwing also, it appears, are purely matters of culture.

As for silver-blond hair — it is possessed by approximately three percent of the American population as a whole. Just how this will work into insurance statistics the Smithsonian anthropologists have no idea.

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## MINIATURA

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cart and the stork's cart carry cherubs. These solid silver toys are from one to two inches in height and sold from two to six dollars. They were advertised by Howard & Co., 264 Fifth Ave., New York, who state, "In Holland every family of importance has a collection of Silver Toys which, being indestructible, are preserved and used by many generations."—Dorothy Brannan.

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## Retires to His Hobbies

According to Ed. McCy, Columbus, Ohio, Citizen, Dr. J. D. Altenburg of Findlay, Ohio, has just retired after 50 years in the dental profession, but he's going to keep busy with his four hobbies. These are carving miniature furniture, fishing, photography and bird study.

Dr. Altenburg has made a tiny rocker from a piece of black walnut, 140 years old, taken from the old Hancock County Courthouse when it was razed. He picks up bits of wood in his travels, and friends, knowing his hobby brings him others. He has miniature furniture which he carved from orangewood, scotch holly, juniper root, and he is now carving a little coffee table from a piece of black walnut from Thomas Edison's home in Milan.

His hobby of bird life has prompted him to carve many birds in miniature and he paints them in their true coloring.

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An exciting collection of old card games can be made, or if you have more room, there are many kinds of marble games.

## NOTES ON

### GREETING CARDS

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 159)

advertises from Hamden, Connecticut, "Your name on 25 lovely cards, a pen and holder, a Jap, a handkerchief, a ring, auto-album, 480 sample cards, scrap pictures, verses, and an agent's complete outfit for 10c." Pictured is a narrow, scalloped edge card with a hand holding an inscribed scroll and a rose.

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An advertisement in Munsey's magazine in 1904 mentions Christmas and New Year's postal cards; Christmas Scripture cards; Postal card albums for collections; Children's Christmas Letter Stories; and Mechanical Christmas cards.

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## ETHIOPIAN COINAGE

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1889 (1896) and the bust of Menelik, they were probably all struck after Menelik's death, 1913. Some three quarters of a million such pieces are known to have been made there as late as 1931. Before striking these pieces, the intended value, originally in the reverse exergue, was obliterated from the dies.

In 1934, 1 cent and 5 cent coppers were issued bearing on the obverse the crowned head of Haile Selassie, to the right, with his name and the Amharic title, "King of kings of Ethiopia." The reverse shows the usual lion of Judah, facing this time to the right. In the exergue is the denomination 1 or 5. The 5 cent pieces were struck at the Addis Ababa mint. The 1 cent pieces, somewhat more sharply struck, were made in England by the Kings Norton Company.

In May, 1936, Premier Mussolini proclaimed Ethiopia to be annexed to Italy. This brought to an end one of the oldest Christian dynasties. In June, 1936, the colony of Italian East Africa was established, comprising Ethiopia, Italian Somaliland, and Eritrea, with Addis Ababa as the seat of administration. Special coins have not yet been issued for this colony. The new 1937 Italian coins, however, bear the title, Victor Emanuel III, King (of Italy) and Emperor (of Ethiopia?)

## TIPS

Here's a tip: Maps have changed so much in recent years. You can still get the old ones for comparison.

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Girls! Cut out pictures of hair styles! Try to cover as many years as you can. Mount your pictures with the date and the name of the style if any. Someday, if you are clever, you may have something to sell.

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If you are collecting games, try finding as many as you can of the old, old maize type. The kind that sets a trap, with dead-ends and tortured paths that always lead somehow to the center.

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If wax dolls can last all the years that they do, why can't you have a collection of candles? You COULD nurse them along and they'd be fun while they last.

## SWAPPERS

This department for swapping collectors' items only.  
Rates \$5 per word.

**SWAP: MATCH BOOKS.** 25 for 50 alike local ads only. Regular or odd sizes. Will buy duplicates. Dr. Charles J. Higgs, 61 Carey Avenue, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. a120001

**CURIO CABINETS,** bottles, clocks, stereoscopes, computers, buttons, other antiques for small property—Florida or California or trailer.—M. Plum, 655 W. Milwaukee, Detroit, Mich. je1021

**I HAVE FOREIGN** coins, bills; will trade for spice cabinet, old plates, copper Tea Leaf china, other antiques.—Harold Hull, Leland, Ill. je1011

**TRADE GOOFIES,** plastic or glass.—Ruth Kane, Leland, Ill. o6081

**MASONIC RINGS,** diamonds for coins, old gold, broken watches, antique pistols, old jewelry, relics.—Foster, 3117 Brigham, Toledo 8, Ohio. je1001

**TRADE UNUSUAL GOOFIES,** old buttons.—Frances Gillespie, Laporte City, Ia. ja12094

**ABOUT 1000 SQUARE FEET** of blank handmade paper from 100 to 300 years old, also about 300 square feet of one antique pinola, old jewelry, relics, to exchange for rare stamps or coins.—Vernon Baker, Elyria, Ohio. aul20441

**TRADE OLD BUTTONS,** goofies.—Ethel Garrison, La. je12652

**GOOFIES, SET & NON-SET** traded.—Mrs. Ralph Stevens, 706 Wendel Pl., West Englewood, N. J. je2115

**WANTED CARTOON ORIGINALS** by Fitzpatrick, Remington, Davenport, Raemakers, McCutcheon. Will swap others.—A. Paskow, 1665 Croysey Ave., Brooklyn 14, N. Y. je1091

**OLD BUTTONS,** goofies.—Dela Solt, Laporte City, Ia. my12092

**WISH TO TRADE** goofies, old buttons.—Helen Stocker, Laporte City, Ia. ja12094

**WILL EXCHANGE** binoculars, typewriter, banjo, relics, etc., for old jewelry, small antiques, relics, coins.—Betel, 349 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn 16, N. Y. jly3012

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5 Different ball fight post cards.....	.35
Set of 1, 5, 10, 20 peso bills.....	.10
Rings, pure silver, No sets.....	1.00
Rings, pure silver; with set.....	1.10
100 Mexican stamps.....	1.00
5 Pottery and glass bottles, jugs, etc.....	1.00
Pampas grass duster.....	.25
Honey oat sets.....	.25
Miniature baskets, 1 1/2" by 1 1/2" deep.....	.15
Silver alloy pin.....	.50
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2" Rag dolls, Senior and Senorita, Pair.....	1.00
3/4" Doll built on top of needle.....	.50
3 1/4" Rag dolls, Indians, Pair.....	1.00
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3 1/4" Rag dolls, Senorita and Bullfighter, Pr.....	1.00
Monkey carved out of peach stone.....	.35
Lapel pin moccasins.....	.75
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12 Different colored postcards of West.....	.20
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Letter opener, ivory with elephant on top.....	1.50

**THOUSANDS OF MIXED** stamps; postmarks with & without stamps; picture postcards; matchbooks; will exchange, as is, for antique buttons.—Jones, 3805 Palmira, Tampa 9, Fla. au3052

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**SEND ME A BOOK** on "Meaning of Names." I'll send a book on your hobby or I'll send three other good non-fictional books.—Comford, 690 Academy St., N. Y. 34, N. Y. je3003

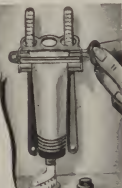
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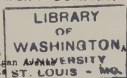
## LUCIFER, The Morning Star

one which this fine Indian effigy pipe bears. It is one of the collection of Frank Phillips, Oklahoma oil man, whose ranch is made into a museum and placed in the hands of a Foundation. (See Gems and Minerals Department).



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We seem never to get far from home, but certainly hope to see the Museum in Florida one of these days. And one of these days we will send off a box, with something nice for the Museum, as the Lord knows we, and all advertisers in HOBBIES, have certainly a great debt of gratitude for the results we have received over the past ten years, and we want to be represented there.

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Dear Friends:

We thought you would be interested in knowing that the results of your recent Antiques Exhibition at the Stevens were very surprising to us, as we had heard so much about spring shows not being too good.

We had a splendid week, and will be working on orders received there for the next three months.

We can think of no better investment if one wishes to charge the booth rent against results.

With best wishes for continued successful shows,

Sincerely yours,

*E. W. Martin*



# Mechanical and Electrical Antiques

## Early History of the Umbrella

That old umbrella that you throw around, or that one with the silk covering and ivory handle—each deserves special attention as an object with an interesting history. According to information furnished to this department by Arthur T. Ward, New York City collector, and trustee of the Lightner Foundation, our name for the umbrella was obviously taken from the Italian ombrello. Mr. Ward's source of information is from *The Penny Magazine*, London, January 2, 1836, from which we abridge the following, hoping that it will be of interest not only to the collector of mechanical antiques, but also to those who study the styles and designs of this useful article through the periods of history.

"If we had obtained the umbrella immediately from France we would, doubtless, have taken with it the French name of *parapluie*, which in the present use of the implement is a more expressive and proper name than that of *ombrello*, which signifies 'a little shade,' and refers to the original use as a defence against the sun,

rather than to its present use as a shelter from the rain. There seems no doubt that the umbrella was first introduced into Italy from the East, and from thence found its way into the other countries of Europe.

"It seems also that the applicability of the instrument as a defence from rain was quite an after-thought, and that it was originally, as in the East, only used to protect the person from the rays of the sun. In the course of my inquiries into this subject I thought of looking into the 'Vocabolario degli Accademici della Crusca,' 1733, and was gratified to find that its definitions confirmed the impressions I had been led to entertain. The 'ombrello' is defined as an instrument to keep off the sun, also called a parasol. Mention is also made of a functionary whose employment it was to carry an umbrella for great personages, being quite an oriental use of the instrument. Before this time, however, perhaps long before, the umbrella had come to be used as a shelter from rain; for it said further down that 'ombrello' is also the name of an instrument similar to the former, used for keeping off rain. So then, early in the last century, and probably a good while before, the present uses of the umbrella and parasol were known in Italy.

"But all this was known also in England, even earlier than the date of the above quotations from the great Italian dictionary; and it is this which I am desirous of showing, because it is generally believed that its introduction is very recent. Indeed, I did myself not long since entertain the general impression that the use of this convenient article had been introduced by Jonas Hanway, somewhere about the middle of the last century; and the statements which Dr. Cleland gives as to its introduction in Edinburgh and Glasgow would also convey the notion that the umbrella first began to be known about that time in these cities. Speaking of Glasgow, the Statistical Account of Glasgow' says:—

"About the year 1781 or 1782, the late Mr. John Jamieson, surgeon, returning from Paris brought an umbrella with him, which was the first seen in this city. The doctor, who was a man of humour, took great pleasure in relating to me how he was stared at with his umbrella. For a number of years there were few used in Glasgow, and these were made of glazed cotton cloth. Now every child at school, mechanic, and servant, is provided with an umbrella."

"In a note to this Dr. Cleland quotes the following from Creech's 'Edinburgh Fugitive Pieces':—In 1763 there was no such thing known or used as an umbrella, but an eminent surgeon of Edinburgh who had occasion to walk a good deal in the course of his business, used one about the year 1780; and 1783 umbrellas were much used, and continue to be so, and many umbrella warehouses

are opened, and a considerable carried on in this article. The ion is spread through Scotland.

"If these two statements are understood literally, that umbrellas were not at all known or used in Edinburgh until about 1780, after that so long been used by the women in London, where also, by that time, had come into extensive use among men, the fact is very extraordinary and would serve to show how intercourse then subsisted between our great towns. And why introduce from Paris what was then well known and much used in London? We not help thinking that the two geons of Glasgow were merely first men who used umbrellas in places. If not so, the gentlemen in Scotland what commenced the ladies in England.

"My suspicions about the accuracy of the impressions I had received of this subject were awakened by serving that Johnson in his 'Dictionary' illustrates the word 'umbrella' by quotations from Dryden and On further inquiry I have been enabled to find umbrellas mentioned by an author earlier than Dryden.

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ot in common use. Sir William  
nant in an 'Entertainment,' com-  
of songs and declamations, per-  
at Rutland House in the reign  
Charles I., introduces a Parisian  
Londoner respectively satirizing  
other's capitals. The former,  
g other things, says,—'Sure your  
g contrived your narrow  
ts in the days of wheel-barrow,  
e those greater engines, carts,  
invented. Is your climate so  
hat as you walk you need um-  
s of tiles to intercept the sun?'  
ould seem from this, however,  
at this time the only use of um-  
s was to keep off the rays of the  
The passage from Dryden I  
ot at this moment find in the  
nal. As quoted by Johnson, it

arry your umbrella, and fan your ladyship.'  
ay's 'Trivia, or Art of Walking  
treatises of London,' was published  
12, the very year in which Han-  
was born. It has a very distinct  
on the subject, showing that  
mbrella was then commonly used  
males in rainy weather. The  
ing is the passage, given more  
than as quoted by Johnson. It  
aded, 'Implements proper for  
le Walkers':—

housewives all the winter's rage despite,  
by the riding-hood's disguise;  
beneath th' umbrella's oily shed,  
rough the wet in clinking pattens tread.  
Asian dames th' umbrella's ribs display  
rd their beauties from the sunny ray;  
tailing slaves support the shady load,  
Eastern monarchs show their state abroad,  
In winter only knows its aid,  
rd from chilly show'rs the walking mail.'  
statements which I have made  
former article about 'Umbrellas  
East' will have shown that the  
bout the use of umbrellas by the  
an dames' is quite a mistake.  
Persian women have nothing to  
th umbrellas or parasols, but  
they go out envelope their per-  
face and all, in a great sheet.  
passage shows, however, that  
llas had at this time come to be  
by women only, as a shelter  
he rain. This is further shown  
the following definitions from  
's 'English Dictionary,' pub-  
in 1736:—

mbrella, a little shadow; also an  
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covered with cloth, put over a window  
to keep out the sun; also a screen  
carried over the head to defend from  
sun or rain.'

"From other information it appears  
also that men who had occasion to go  
out in the wet hired a sedan chair,  
if they could afford it, or wore suit-  
able articles of dress, or made up  
their minds to a wetting. We do not  
consider the importance of the um-  
brella to us in equalizing the business  
of daily life. Before it came into use  
among men rainy weather must have  
been a far more serious affair than  
at present, and must have given a  
greater interruption to the pursuits of  
men in towns. Few people now are  
prevented from any business or en-  
gagement by rain. Wet weather is  
now only used as an excuse by females  
and invalids for non-attendance to  
business or the neglect of an engage-  
ment. But formerly it was otherwise,  
and is so still in countries where the  
umbrella is not in use. No man liked  
to go abroad who could not afford to  
ride, or who had not some very serious  
business to transact, or indispensable  
engagement to attend. Hence the  
streets were much more deserted in  
wet weather than at present.

"It is curious to compare the condi-  
tion of our grandfathers before um-  
brella-times with that which our own  
would be if some sumptuary law, the  
extinction of whalebone, or some other  
cause, were suddenly to deprive us of  
our umbrellas. On our side we have  
clean and well-paved streets, free  
from the obstructions with which they  
were formerly crowded, so that a man  
with a tolerable stock of wind might  
have a pretty clear and clean run  
through the rain. Then there are In-  
dia-rubber cloaks or capes, which  
would doubtless come into general use  
were there no umbrellas; and, though  
last not least, there are the omni-  
buses, which in such a state of things  
would, in consequence of the increased  
demand, be immensely multiplied, at  
low fares for short distances, and  
would be started on the second and  
third rate lines of road, instead of  
being confined to the principal as now.  
This on our side. Now, as to our  
grandfathers, they were not a run-  
ning generation; and if they had been  
such, the wretched condition of the

streets would not have allowed them  
to run; and, in fact, they would other-  
wise have had less occasion to do so  
than ourselves.

"The upper stories of houses and  
pent-house roofs projecting over the  
foot-path in the less fashionable, and  
therefore the walking, parts of Lon-  
don and other towns, afforded to pe-  
destrians a tolerably continuous shel-  
ter near the wall, and they had only  
to scamper as best they could across  
such unprotected intervals as now and  
then occurred. At the worst, it gave  
them the certainty that they should  
always find places where they could  
wait until the violence of a shower  
had subsided. The loss of time which  
this involved would now be regarded  
as a serious evil, but time was in those  
times considered a much less precious  
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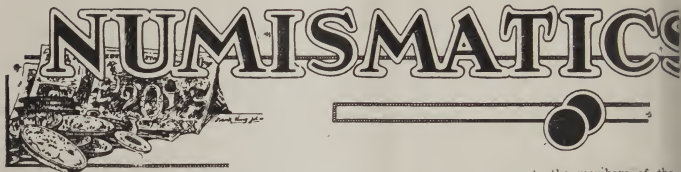
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## NUMISMATIC THOUGHTS

By FRANK C. ROSS

Mr. "Freak" Coin, who has been only a casual visitor, has now put in a bid for a separate room and a permanent residence in the Old Coins Home, with a strong probability of acceptance. A New Jersey reader writes that for a long time he has had the hobby of collecting "freaks" and accumulated quite a collection. Most of them, he says, are cents, but he has quite a few of the other denominations. At the present time the "freaks" are considered oddities and do not rank a big premium, but if "listed" on the "Exchange" of the Numismatic Guild they will soon be considered an "active" stock and bring better prices.

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Coinie says, "Scotchmen make the best coin collectors because, holding onto their money so long, they 'age their own'." And she asks, "If we speak of silver dollars as 'jack,' are greenbacks 'jumping' jacks?"

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Don't be carried away with an over-exuberance for the coins of your collection; don't let your enthusiasm run away with your better judgment; keep your head and retain your poise. Don't put too large an appraisal on the coins you covet and too small a one on the coins you wish to dispose of. Make a collector of your wife, give her a better-half interest in your collection and then consult with the senior member before closing a deal, for, as a politician once said, "A man will fall for anything; a woman never fully believes anything."

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Newspaper articles on fabulously priced, extremely rare coins would have us believe rarity is the essence of numismatics; the high power salesmanship of the "book-sellers" would have us believe rarities are as plentiful in our daily change as straws in a straw stack. They are both in error. Extreme rarities are not so much. To a real coin collector a rarity is an expensive luxury and does not enter into the necessity of things. Believe it or not, the average collector is not so much interested in rarities as he is in the man-on-the-street coins. At a recent national coin exhibit a twelve-inch stone Yap coin, of small value, attracted more attention from the laity than the thousand dollar rarities.

As an instance of the willingness of a dealer to help the beginning collector, I quote from a letter to one of the largest and busiest dealers in the country: "A young lady in our office is taking up coin collecting and has added a new phase to the game; she collects only 'shiny' coins. Dates cut no figure just so the coins are bright and shiny. She asked me today if I could get her a Persian coin, no matter what date or denomination just so it was shiny like all her other coins and did not cost too much. What is the cheapest Persian coin you have?" His reply was, "Under separate cover I am sending you a number of 'shiny' coins that you may give to the young lady who is collecting them with my compliments. There absolutely is no charge."

A coin dealer may have a business head but he also has a numismatic heart, and if you really want help, appeal to his heart and not his head. You won't be disappointed.

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The flower money of Siam may have no "pennies from heaven" but it has "scents" from the flower garden.

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A heading reads Siam "tok" money. I would say if I had not read further that "t-o-k" was a typographical error and should read "took." The article said "tok" money was tinted with chicken blood.

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Only some of the old foreign bar money have an elephant stamped on them. I know of no country now using barred money, but I could mention several that are using borrowed money, and the I.O.U. collateral for the borrowed money has a "white elephant" stamped all over it.

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"Robbing Peter to pay Paul," like most expressions allied to numismatics, is not "made up" but has a historic basis. Four hundred years ago funds belonging to Westminster Abbey (Westminster Abbey is dedicated to St. Peter) were used to pay for repairs on the St. Paul's Cathedral. The money was taken from St. Peter and turned over to St. Paul.

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"Doll money" is not money spent for, on, or by dolls, as its name would indicate. An English woman left a sum of money to be given out each

year to the members of the gift to be known as Doll Money. Doll is a corruption from the Saxon "dal," meaning share distributed. "Dole," as we know it, is money given for no

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It is claimed Miss Liberty on the standing-liberty quarter, most vulnerable part of the coin, the first to show the wear and of friction, the finger-print thence it is not an uncirculated "Knee action" may make a "Tinspeed up, but it slows up again. Is it possible Miss Liberty is "weak in the knees."

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"Leach" money of Siam is called because of any association with Shylocks and 10% a month known as "leaches" because of its similarity to the native sucking leeches.

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The pocket is old man Frick's workshop and the purse is a shop. Join the movement "longevity for coins" by boycotting "pocket tray." Every day it may please help banish the tray.

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When you hear a person bragging how much he knows coins, he is not a smart man; smart Aleck. The smart man knows but does not brag. Buffalo News says: "A smart man listens and learns; a smart man argues to show how much he knows." One listen is worth a hundred brags.

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due to the Roman influence at time. True, a few Roman coins still in use but the quantity have been very small and the s must have been greatly priced to their scarcity.

r a couple of hundred years, we quite positive next to no money used in Britain they must have ted to barter and trade for trans-

ns. In the seventh century, England ed to trade with the outside l again, and the use of coins was ned. Merovingian gold coins been unearthed in the Southern of England from approximately ime, and also crude copies of the al Roman, Byzantine, and other that previously were in use.

haeologists frequently find hoards cient coins in Great Britain and aid us in knowing just what on at that time. Perhaps one e greatest hoards ever unearthed discovered in the early part of 9th century in the churchyard . Martins, Canterbury. The gold have been identified as having buried there approximately dur- he reign of Aethelbert and are of Justin II who died in 578 and vingan coins known not to have coined prior to A. D. 585. The age of Aethelbert, King of Kent, Bertha grand-daughter of Clovis e end of the sixth century un- edly increased the commerce be- these two countries and caused ew influx of coins into England. Interesting coin found in this were a Solidus coined by a sh moneyer named Leudulf, a now unknown man named o Vico, another, a "Triens" of Bishop Liudard.

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## ed Money

ns are found, very often having away, in some unknown place long, long time, and indeed, such can be very, very old but—that not mean, necessarily that they be valuable, for the condition of in might be very greatly harmed. l copper cents that have been ed to moisture or ammonia a certain chemical reactions in round) will be badly corroded and me instances, dissolved, so to , to wafer thinness, but still ng evidence of the original de- Silver and gold coins stand up r if buried in the earth, but the s will very frequently make them de also, I have seen silver pieces have been just as badly corroded pper ones.

t water raises havoc with all t, in fact most of all metals, in will be very badly corroded. silver, and copper are all subject terrific mutilation if left in salt r for a period of years. In fact, Spanish Treasure Trove in coin if raised from the sea today be in a pretty bad state of con- from a coin collector's stand-

er money, if buried in the earth, mberged in water will not last but, as long as it is legible, can deemed.

Coins buried in dry soil, free of harmful chemical, would, however, last a very long time without deteriorating, or if they be put in containers that would keep such harmful elements out, the same would be the case. Many hoards of ancient copper, silver and gold coins have been discovered and while some of the coins would be badly corroded, others would be in excellent condition, and I believe the above applies to such coins, also, if many were stored in a pottery jar, for instance, those packed tight in the center would be less liable to receive damaging effects than those at the outside.

Coins have been frequently stored in attics, and being hot and dry, these would keep in excellent condition, silver coins would turn black, however, and copper ones dark brown under normal conditions but this should not materially harm the value of the pieces. Coins used for cornerstone purposes most likely would be harmed some through the years.

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## Chase Bank Exhibition Celebrating Twentieth Anniversary

With its 75,000 specimens of money spanning almost 5,000 years, from the ring money of ancient Egypt to 1949 notes of the new Republic of Burma, the Chase National Bank Collection of Moneys of the World is making its twentieth anniversary as a public exhibit at 46 Cedar Street, New York City.

Among the largest and most comprehensive displays of its kind, the collection today represents nearly every political and geographic subdivision of the world, and nearly every medium of exchange employed by mankind in history. It has attracted some 220,000 visitors since it was opened to the public May 13, 1929.

The collection was begun privately in 1880 by the well-known numismatist, Farran Zerbe, and had grown to 40,000 items when the Chase acquired it from him in 1928. Mr. Zerbe was the curator until his retirement in 1939, when he was succeeded by Vernon L. Brown.

The exhibit includes ancient, modern and historical coins, notes and checks, odd and curious moneys, and a great variety of commodity moneys, such as woodpecker scalps and tiger claws.

Among the thousands of items on display are the Biblical "tribute penny" and "widow's mite"; the Pine Tree shilling of colonial Massachusetts; the Fugio Cent, first coin authorized by the United States; "Pieces of Eight" of Spanish Main renown; the wooden nickel of Blaine, Wash.; the buckskin "One Buck" of Enterprise, Mich.; the celebrated 1804 silver dollar; a copy of Henry Ford's check for one cent; a check for \$225,000,000 issued by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. for the purchase of U. S. Treasury bonds in 1943, largest check ever drawn on

the Chase National Bank, and the one hundred quintillion pengo inflation note of Hungary issued in 1946.

Notable among recent acquisitions are 1949 coins of Great Britain, which omit the previous reference to the King as Emperor of India.

The museum assembles special exhibits and regular traveling exhibits for correspondent banks, offers tours of the collection for various school and college groups, and provides speakers for club and educational groups.

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## Rochester, N. Y., Business Man Awarded Medal

Thomas J. Hargrave, president of Eastman Kodak Company, has been named Civic Medalist for 1949, according to an announcement by Dr. Walter Clark, president of the Rochester Museum Association.

Mr. Hargrave was unanimously elected for his contributions "in the field of civic achievement." His work in connection with many campaigns for the betterment of the community, and his energy in serving his country, in peace and in war, were cited among the outstanding services rendered by Mr. Hargrave.

The Civic Medal award was established in 1938 to honor a citizen who has distinguished himself by his contributions in art, science, civic advancement, social welfare, or education. The candidate, upon recommendation of the Civic Medal committee, is elected by the Municipal Museum Commission, headed by Dr. John R. Williams, as chairman; the Board of Trustees of the Rochester Museum Association; and the Academic Council, composed of the heads of Rochester's educational institutions.

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## Coin Worth a Beaver Skin

Perhaps many a young woman whose choice of a fur coat is the beaver would have liked the deal of the Northwest Company, which was organized in Montreal about 1784. This company carried on operations until about 1821 in the districts south and west of Hudson Bay. They used a token which was good for one beaver skin. This token once plentiful, is rare today, according to information supplied to this department by Maurice Gould, Massachusetts.

The obverse, dated 1820, is a bust of George IV and reverse has a beaver. It is almost invariably found pierced and may have been used as a presentation to Indian chiefs instead of circulated as regular currency.

In 1821 the Northwest company was absorbed by the Hudson Bay company.

This token is of interest to American collectors particularly, as the company operated in what are now the states of Oregon and Washington.

The Hudson Bay company tokens are much more common.



## LIFE OF PAPER MONEY

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ing & Printing at Washington manufactures 4,000,000 greenbacks a day or about 1,500,000,000 pieces of new currency annually. Even with money leaving the presses at this rate, there is only \$2,250,000,000 more in the hands of the public than there was twenty years ago. In 1915 the amount of cash in circulation in the United States amounted to \$3,319,000,000 or \$33 for each man, woman, and child. In 1935 the amount in circulation was about \$5,629,000,000 or \$44 per capita.

Under the present Federal Reserve System of Banking, the amount of money outstanding automatically adjusts itself to the demands required for ordinary cash transactions of daily business. Christmas time presents the greatest demand for money. People draw from the banks, the banks deposit securities with the Federal Reserve Banks and gets more currency. Federal Reserve Banks draw the needed cash from the Treasury. After the Christmas season is over, the merchants bring the money back to the banks. Banks redeem their securities, and Federal Reserve Banks send it back to the treasury.

It is estimated a dollar bill changes hands on an average of five times a day or 1,400 times before it is returned to the Treasury for redemption. Oil, grease, and gasoline are the greatest natural destroyers of bills, because they collect dirt, which grinds the fibre. When the bills are returned to the Treasury they are examined, and old worn bills are replaced. The old bills are then destroyed.

Every step in destroying old bills is as carefully checked as the manufacturing. Packages of bills are halved by great knives. Next they go to the macerator or incinerator. The macerator is a large steel receptacle with steel knives, which chops the paper in fine pieces and mixes it with hot water and grinds it to pulp. The pulp is sold and may be used to make coarse cardboard or fine stationery. When the old style big bills were being replaced by the new small ones, the macerator proved too small, and it was necessary to use the incinerator, and Uncle Sam sure had money to burn.

## Chemical Study of Ancient Coins

A new chemical study of ancient coins at Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, has recently given evidence of great technical skill and knowledge on the part of Roman metallurgists who were able to produce highly purified gold some 2,000 years ago.

Research by Prof. Earlen R. Caley of Ohio State University's chemistry department has revealed that the Romans knew and applied an efficient process over a period of several centuries for refining the metal from which they struck their coins.

Dr. Caley, who specializes in ap-

plying chemistry to archaeological studies, reported on the gold content of 50 ancient coins in the March 1949, issue of the Ohio Journal of Science, published jointly by Ohio State University and the Ohio Academy of Science.

The University staff member examined gold pieces ranging from a Persian Daric of the 4th century B.C. to a Roman coin minted during the rule of Julius Nepos, 474-475 A.D.

Most of the ancient rulers adhered strictly to the gold standard, he found, and kept the gold content of their coins above 95 per cent.

"The uniformly very high gold content of the coins in the long series of Roman Imperial coins from Augustus to Diocletian, extending over a period of some three centuries, is remarkable," Dr. Caley reported.

The bulk of the coins representing this period between 8 B.C. and 296 A.D. were 99 per cent pure gold, and

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## RURAL HISTORY

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y of Miss Edith R. Force of a, and she has become the world ility on them. Her collection ains more than 2,000 specimens.

st largely represented are the ern ground snakes of the genus a, about a foot long and a quar- ch or less in diameter. They live r rocks and under piles of debris ty lots. One species—there are in all—has been found buried than two feet under a sand dune. ighly many are rather plentiful, gh many persons living in their borhood are unaware of their urrence. They might be mistaken y large earthworms.

e *Sonora* are non-poisonous. The r closely related group, the *Tan-* have grooved "fangs," however, probably are mildly poisonous to arge insects on which they feed, ot to human beings. They are le for their long tails, which sent from fifteen to thirty per- of the entire length.

me of the species of *Sonora* are ed with red and black rings, *Tan-tilia* usually has a black but by and large these little les are sand-colored and depend their inconspicuousness for their ty.

## Animal Pictures

collection of about 15,000 animal stories and pictures has been ted by Mrs. Hazel W. Frese of ore. A reporter has labeled assembly, "animalana."

s, Frese holds a master's degree iltrophology from the University of ago.

e began her hobby seven years and has complete files on animal es, criminals, entertainers, dis- s, animals at war, experimental als and educated animals. For ally every phase of publicized n activity, Mrs. Frese has a clip- on its animal counterpart.

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e wise carry their knowledge as do their watches; not for dis- but for their own use.

—Sir Thomas Browne.

## AT THE SIGN OF THE CREST

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worked up a Genealogy shelf, with county and state histories that would be of value, the D. A. R. and other lineage books, etc. But perhaps the most important things she accomplished, was to have a copy made of the 1850 CENSUS of St. Joseph Co., from the Census Department in Washington, D. C. Anyone can go to Three Rivers and consult that card index, to see if certain families were in the county in 1850 instead of going or sending to Washington. My grandfather Keech and grandfather Cady each has his card as Head of his Family, the maiden name of his wife, the state from which they came, their ages, the names and ages of all of their children, and any other members of their household. And—THIS WAS THE FIRST CENSUS HAVING THE NAME OF THE STATE FROM WHICH THEY CAME.

Do you think I have gone a long way from the first of this idea? No, the "illustration" gave you much food for thought. The suggestion is the same. WHEN YOU HAVE GATHERED your records, see that they are PRESERVED. Select the most appropriate—the most frequented place in the neighborhood in which they were procured.

Have a happy searching—VACATION.—MABEL LOUISE KEECH

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Q. 643: BAKER—Adam Baker, b. 6/10/1833, Sandusky Co., Ohio. Served in Civil War. Had brother Samuel. Mar. Lydia Kellough abt. 1858, daughter of Ezekiel K. of Williams Co., Ohio. Children: Robert, Andrew and Nancy Edna. Corr. Inv.—Vora Sowers, 3001 S. E. Ankeny St., Portland 15, Ore.

Q. 644: DREW—Parents of Stephen Drew, who m. 3/15/1795 in Woodstock, Vt. Elizabeth, dau. of Phineas Williams of of Rev. name. Stephen d. 11/5/1842, Woodstock, Vt. Supposed to have been born 3/23/1766 in Westerly, R. I.; one son was Oliver W. who m. Olivia Atherton in 1844. Waterbury, Mt.—Mrs. R. H. C., Ill.

Q. 645: JAQUITH—Place of death of Amasa Jaquith, b. 12/6/1793, Heath, Mass., & d. 6/1/1871. Also place of birth and death of his wife Lydia King, b. 12/5/1798; d. 7/8/1849.—G. J. B., Mich.

Q. 646: SPAULDING—birth and death dates wanted for Betsey Spaulding, b. Heath, Mass. (?), married when (?) Benjamin Jaquith Jr., father of Amasa, mentioned above.—G. J. B., Mich.

Q. 647: MARSHALL—Wanted, date and place of death of Phoebe Heacock Marshall, dau. of Isaac Marshall. She m. Benjamin Jaquith (father of Benjamin, mentioned above) 6/27/1765.—G. J. B., Mich.

"If you ever catch the fever of Genealogy, you will never be cured." Dr. Thomas E. Sears

## OLD CIGARETTE PICTURES

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rettes, the Khedival Company of New York packed a prize fighters' series into their Oxford, Duke of York, Turkish Delights and Turkish Whiffs. (Incidentally, here and by way of parenthesis, you have heard the expression 'a whiff of tobacco,' but I doubt if you know the origin. In Europe in the early days of the importation of the weed, a gentleman, a Mr. Whiff, was the professor who taught the young sprouts how to smoke. The expression bears his name.)

"A & G of Richmond, who issued the celebrated American Indian Chiefs' series, knew the current headmen of the tribes in the West at that time. In the list is Geronimo and a few you might remember down here; Sitting Bull and Black Hawk are among them. The A & G series of prize and game chickens is entirely out of my class. It includes fifty birds and is no doubt a fine reminder to us now of that pleasant pastime of the 90's when the sport was much more prevalent than at the present. The Racers' series holds a place along with these. Dan Patch and Maud S. were just as popular then as Man-of-War and Hoop Jr., in their glory yesterday.

"The British Tobacco Company manufacturers did equally as well in their advertisements. Wills, one of the Imperial Tobacco Company's firms, issued Household Hints, a sort of industrial series depicting how to do things around the home, and you may see a boiling kettle on the stove spouting steam into a crushed broom to make the straws active again; directions as to how to lay linoleum and to fix the lock on the door; how to rid the carpet of moths and many things. Wills's (as they write it in Great Britain) issued in late years several series of sets showing schools; school emblems, arms, etc. Even as late as 1930 another concern, Carreras, issued a series, 'Kings and Queens of England,' showing all kings and queens from the beginning to the then George V, these in brilliant colors with a story of the person and the time of his reign.

"Before me is the dining car service menu of the Southern Railway for July 4, 1912 and I find there Pall Malls, price 25c; No. 3 size Egyptian Deities at the same price; Melachriros 25c; Moguls 15c; Piedmonts 10c; and Fatimas 10c; I think this was a bit high as compared with cigarettes sold in cigar stores.

"I am not an authority on the subject of smoking cigarettes, inasmuch as I have gone more than sixty years without one and probably will continue to do so, however, I admit that in my young days I did enjoy cross-vine, corn silks and rabbit tobacco."

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Samuel Clemens was not the original Mark Twain. Capt. Isaiah Sellers first used the name, which Clemens adopted after Sellers died.





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# Mechanical and Electrical Antiques

## TELEPHONIANA

Through the years **HOBBIES** has marveled at the fine material on telephoniana which one of its readers, Clarence A. Swoyer of Columbus, Ohio, has been able to uncover.

Mr. Swoyer's collection includes many pieces of literature connected with the history of the telephone, and he has a large collection of sheet music in which the telephone is mentioned in some way, such as "Call Me Up Some Rainy Afternoon," to mention one classification.

In Mr. Swoyer's researches into the early use of the telephone in Ohio, he found that a Dr. James Fairchild Baldwin had an unusually long cord attached to his office phone in the basement of his home. Then when his office hours were over he would place the instrument in his dumb waiter and send it up to the first or second floor of his home as the need might be.

Swoyer points out that the telephone was a personal and friendly thing in the early days. He quotes one early user:

"We never thought of calling by numbers: they always called by name; and it was a common thing to have Mr. Atcherson call up and say, 'Tell my wife I won't be home for dinner.' And I would call her up and he wouldn't have to tell me who he was nor who his wife was. I knew all about it. And sometimes he would call up and want to talk with his wife and I would say, 'Mrs. Atcherson is not at home, she went down to her sister's.' I knew what they were doing and planning to do and I told him. That was the way things were managed in those days."

Mr. Swoyer points out that within

eighteen months after its invention, the telephone was at work in the city of Columbus. Says he:

"George H. Twiss and Francis C. Sessions established public telephone service with Bell instruments on January 1, 1879. Mr. Sessions owned the Sessions Block at High and Long Streets and it was but natural that the Exchange should be set up in this building, which site is now marked with an appropriate bronze tablet. Mr. Sessions apparently had the money invested in the project and Mr. Twiss his time for he was first manager. The Exchange has been described by those who worked in it as follows:

"A bare, barn-like loft about 50 feet long and 25 feet wide, lighted by three windows at the eastern end which looked out on a narrow, dingy court and the windows were never washed and I doubt if the floors were ever scrubbed. We used to sweep them out ourselves.

"The switchboard was over in one corner by the window so that the phone wires were brought in at the window easily. There was a three-quarter inch augur hole bored in the frame and all lines were brought through that one hole with annunciator wire—the paraffin taped wire with twisted covering. The switchboard was a shelf about eight inches wide and five feet long on which were mounted about twenty or so diminutive Morse sounders. In behind each of these was a brass spring that contacted with the head of a screw and when we wanted to call a party we lifted that spring and used it as a Morse key to make a Code call for that party.

"We had to devise a signal call for each customer. A good many of them simply had a Morse sounder in their station but some had a little tap bell.

"When we would call them, they would answer with an acknowledgment in the Morse Code, then they would switch on their telephone. Us-

ing the instrument first as the receiver and then as the transmitter they would do their talking."

"All things considered, it was a wonder that customers in their moments of aggravation were giving up the instrument. The boys were hired to service the change and not to be outdone by customers, these youngsters would fight right back at them. The owner of The Columbus Telephone Exchange soon realized that if this was to go the telephone would soon fall into disrepute. Consequently they had to look around for a young lad to take over the work and, merely by presence, introduce some decorum into the service which the telephone feared.

"It was for this purpose that Twiss and Mr. Sessions called Mrs. Julia Hodgkins to see if her daughter, Alice Belle, would not fit this job. Alice Belle had just finished her grade school education and was now sixteen years of age. So she was sent to take the task for a period to see how it would work. Alice Belle thus became, in October, 1879, the first telephone girl in Columbus, the third in Ohio and the first in the nation.

"Miss Hodgkins was paid \$4 per month and worked from 7:30 in the morning until 5:30 in the afternoon with one hour off for lunch. Shortly, the manager had the service of three other young ladies at \$4 per month and Miss Hodgkins made chief operator and her salary was raised to \$17.50 per month.

"The phones then were \$1.00 month. William D. Bresnahan was hired as night operator. It is told that this polite young Irishman usually raised his hat when talking to a lady over the phone. He received a monthly salary of \$25.00.

"In the meantime Dudley Fisher, the father of our well-known cartoonist and comic strip creator, had entered the Ohio State University as a student in 1878. There was at that time a telegraph line running from the telegraph office to the University. Young Fisher was living on Street and was allowed to cut out on this line. He had a key, a sounder, and later by code. In June, 1879, he went to work for the Telephone Company as a repairman, then known as the phone inspector."

"Mr. Fisher worked a twelve day to do whatever there was

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noon to four o'clock, and to be the switchboard from four o'clock to midnight. We find him missing:

The principal duty that I had for the evening was to play on the instruments so that customers could hear music over the telephone. Well, if it were anybody but the novelty of the telephone, I would not have considered it, but it served its purpose to the people how to use their phone.

Mechanicians are a curiously conservative lot and must have been quite loath to take up with this new contrivance. Then, too, the services that were rendered were not great especially in case of an emergency.

A better idea can be gained of what we read the description by Alice Belle Hodgkins (later Mrs. Belle Hodgkins Martin of 1265 Pennsylvania Avenue, Columbus, who died September 13, 1934, 1931):

Some very funny things happened on these days, one thing in particular. I had only one desk phone in the office and my work was to answer all incoming calls, the boys did the outgoing. No numbers were needed.

A call would come in, "Hello, Neil House wants the De-About 187 subscribers, very few and all of them party lines and mail, so when a call for the man in the house, he had to use my phone, the mouth piece and note this was not very pleasant to me as he was a constant smoker—you can guess

when a fire alarm came in, the subscriber would be so used that he would not wait for headquarters, but would leave all with the operator. She would once it aloud, calling the Fire Department then at the Third Street quarters. Where the Ruggery engine is now located, fifty years as the Gay Street Engine House. the alarm was being phoned in the Exchange to Headquarters, and I'd rap a heavy wire put up for purpose running from the Gay Street Engine House up to the Ex-

change window and then I would call out a report of the fire. In those days the Department had horses. It was a time to see what house was the first to respond to the alarm and many times the alarm was given from our office by rapping on this wire. The firemen would rush to the sidewalk, place their hands back of their ears to catch the location. Meantime, the horses seemed to know what the sound on that wire meant and would come out of their stalls and take their places at once. And many times the firemen would be out and gone before the alarm was sounded at their own Engine House. They always appreciated it and expressed it by sending flowers and sweets up to the Exchange."

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## NUMISMATIC THOUGHTS

By FRANK C. ROSS

### Money Talks

Do not deplore that you are a beginner and groping in the dark as numismatic information and grow patient for the light, for "were it for darkness we could not appreciate the light" when it does come.

oOo

A coin collection is a sound investment, sure to increase in value and hold its gain. It was one commodity that held its own during the depression. Prices of commodities swing with the pendulum of supply and demand. With coins the demand increases year after year in hard times or good on account of new collectors, and the supply decreases each year, making a surety in an ever rising market.

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To a serious minded numismatist, who studies as he collects, the value of a coin is not computed by its popularity or its premium, but by its historic background. To him a coin represents a phase or era in a country's history. It stands for something besides a speculative investment.

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The United States is the greatest country ever established. If we collect coins from other countries much smaller and less important than ours, it stands to reason they will meet ours. This increased foreign demand will tend to deplete our reserve stock, and enhance values. Don't sell your fewly minted coins.

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Why not try a set of silver Treys, numismatic's Little Fairies, the diminutive silver three cent pieces. They are beautiful coins and when mounted make a fine show-piece. Although a great deal of the dates show small mint marks, they can be obtained reasonable. Complete a set now while it can be had cheaply; you will never regret it. Twenty-four pieces to the set.

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"Old Trusty", the first coin to tell the world that "In God we trust", makes a nice set for the average collector who wants a "complete set" that does not run into money. Eleven pieces, and all reasonable.

*"Safely in harbor is the king's ship; in the deep nook, where once thou calldst me up at midnight to fetch dew from the still-ve'd Bermoothes" (Bermudas). Shakespeare's Tempest.*

It is claimed the Tempest is based on the shipwreck of Sir George Somers in the Bermudas in 1609. The first coin struck for America, Sommer Island shilling, was for use in the Bermudas, and is known as "hog money". One side of the coin shows a hog in commemoration of the many hogs found on the island by Somers's crew, and which furnished them sustenance for many months.

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Coinie smiles that "Bill is as pessimistic as the man who wearsies through life with the dreary apprehension he will find the golden streets of the New Jerusalem paved with "gold bricks" slipped in by terrestrial members of the light fingered fraternity that slipped in themselves—that Heaven is on a gold-plated standard."

Don't worry Coinie, the Keeper of the Gates, venerable old St. Peter, knows his numismatics, and no one can crash the Gates with spurious gold.

oOo

Numismatics is not a gamble in scarce coins but a study of money. True collecting is not a pursuit for rarities but a search for choice specimens. To a botanist the commonest field flower may be a rare specimen; to a real collector a plentiful coin may be a choice rarity. In numismatics, as in all studies, the value of a specimen is in its usefulness, not its scarcity. A small diversified collection may have more numismatic value than a like sized one of commercial rarities.

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Bill: "I read they are counterfeiting pennies; how can I tell a good penny from a bad one?"

Connie: "Spend it. If it is a good penny it will stay spent, but a bad penny always returns."

That is something like the old farmer explaining to the suburban gardener the difference between young plants and weeds.

Suburban Gardener—I don't seem able to tell my young plants from weeds. How do you distinguish them?

Old Farmer—The only sure way is to pull 'em all out. If they come up again they're weeds. — Stewart News.

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To the under-informed and to the Doubting Thomas numismatists who believe the claim a fairy story, or a talking point, when told of coins furnishing the missing link or giving valuable information regarding the history of ancient nations, we cite a verse from the account of the ancient country of Bactria, or Bactriana, of Asia, in American Cyclopaedia:—

"A good deal of light was thrown upon the history of Bactria by the discovery in 1824 by Col. Tod of a large number of ancient coins in the topees or burial places of Afghanistan. The names of kings and inscriptions in Greek or Zend are found on these, which have been closely studied. They are in the London and Paris museums."

Numismatics is not the hobby of coin collecting but the science of monies.

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### Mr. Ross' Health Improving

We know that Mr. Ross' many friends in the numismatic field, will be glad to have the good news from his hometown of Kansas City, that he is making progress in his recent illness.

HOBBIES staff misses his cheerful notes but is glad that when he was in the pink of health that he was able to build up a reserve of copy that will keep his department going until he is able to be back on the job again.

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1860 to 1872, each	\$10.00 to 12.50
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1798 Small Eagle	4,000.00
1798 to 1815, each	22.50
1815	1,000.00
1816	250.00
1817	350.00
1818	400.00
1819	425.00
1820	11.00
1824 to 1854, each	\$10.00 to 11.00
1855 to 1874, each	9.00 to 10.00
1875 to 1915, each	9.00 to 10.00
1920	50.00 to 100.00

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1795-1796, each	\$50.00 to \$ 75.00
1797 Small Eagle	125.00
1798	100.00 to 210.00
1799 to 1803, each	40.00
1804	60.00
1833 to 1857, each	21.00
1858 P Mint	50.00
1859 to 1874, each	17.50 to 25.00
1875	100.00 to 150.00
1915 to 1922, each	17.50 to 20.00
1923	75.00 to 125.00

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1915 Panama Pacific \$2½	20.00
1916 McKinley Dollar	5.00
1917 McKinley Dollar	6.00
1922 Grant Dollar Star	12.00
1926 Seкул \$2½	6.00
1915 Panama \$20 Round	400.00
1915 Panama \$50 Octagon	350.00

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1850 to 1861 "O" Mint, each	50.00
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1875 to 1880, each	60.00
1881 P Mint	100.00
1882 P Mint	100.00
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1884 P Mint	150.00
1885 P Mint	75.00
1886 P Mint	75.00
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1925 "S" or "D", each	175.00 to 250.00
1926 "S"	150.00
1926 "D"	150.00
1927 "S" or "D" each	75.00 to 100.00
1929	100.00
1931 to 1932	50.00 to 75.00

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BRAZIL - 10 Milreis	7.50
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CANADA - \$5.00	8.75
CHILE - 100 Pesos	17.50
CHINA - 20 Dollars	25.00
CHINA - 10 Dollars	12.50
COLOMBIA - 10 Pesos	20.00
COLOMBIA - 5 Pesos	10.00
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COSTA RICA - 10 Escudos	25.00
COSTA RICA - 5 Escudos	12.50
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CUBA - 10 Pesos	17.00
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CZECHOSLOVAKIA - 2 Ducats	15.00
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FRANCE - 20 Francs - Napoleon III	6.50
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MEXICO - 20 Pesos 1858/67	10.00
MEXICO - 20 Pesos 1916/21	10.00
MEXICO - 50 Pesos Texaco	10.00
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MONTENEGRO - 20 Perpera	10.00
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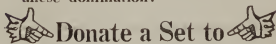
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## Money of Yesteryear

By CHARLES FRENCH

### Days of the Vikings

When the Norse Vikings began their invasions of the British Isles, Greenland, Iceland and possibly the American Continent, they did little to affect numismatics other than in the British Isles. True, there is a possibility that they might have set up coinages in the American continent, and if they had, would have been the coiners of the first American coins but there is no record of this. I do not know either, whether they coined money in Greenland or Iceland, or whether they imported their coin for trade. I do think, however, that the latter most probably was the case.

While information about Viking coinages in the British Isles is nebulous, evidence seems to point to the actual minting of coins by the Vikings in Britain.

Accredited to the Vikings are the coinages of Guthrum-Aethelstan of East Anglia, of Ceowulf II, Halfdene, who occupied London and York, in the late 9th century.

Most of the knowledge about alleged Viking coinages can be attributed to the celebrated hoard of coins found at Cuerdale in 1840. In this hoard next to no coins were found that dated later than, around 910 A.D. 7,000 pieces were found there. The main bulk of the find were the pennies of Alfred, Memorial pennies of St. Edmund and pennies of Cnut and Siefred.

To indicate how the finding of coins can really aid archaeologists, let me give an example. Coins struck with two kings, Cnut and Siefred, were found, but there was no knowledge of any ruler known as Cnut, it therefore was determined that the name Cnut was the baptismal name of Guthred who was a ruler of the time. Coins we also found in this hoard of many other minor rulers of the day, some of which, even today are not, as yet definitely accredited.

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### Commemoratives

The Commemorative half dollar boom of the middle thirties, was something hitherto unknown in the numismatic world. Starting in a mild

way about 1934 more and more collectors (including many new ones) started to pick up interest in this series. Commemoratives up to that time had been an interesting set of coins but not to the extent they were to become in the following five years.

As the old issues became acquired by the new collectors, and the demand was still prevalent, new issues began to appear in increasing numbers. The end of 1934 saw four new issues come to light, the Maryland, Texas and Boone being brand new, but the 1934 Oregon Trail being a repeat of the original first coined in 1926. Eight new issues appeared in 1935 and 1936 saw so many, duplicate reissues, and new ones as to astound the collectors.

For the most part the majority of the new issues were absorbed but here and there were instances of issues not being successful and the coins either being melted up, or distributed through the banks at face value.

Speculators began to appear in the commemoratives, and it was common to have them, for the great part travelling salesman, drop in with a satchel full, buy, sell or trade, commemoratives only. Their homemade charts of buying and selling prices reminded one of the stock market boom of 1929. The commissions issuing these half dollars, a good many times, created "rarities" issuing a minor variety with a very limited number. These coin sometimes made spectacular rises in value. I remember the rare set of 1935, with the small 1934 Boone struck at Denver and San Francisco mints. Only around 2,000 of each were issued, and demand was for more than five times that amount. Those lucky enough to receive a set kept them with great pride. I can remember the first announcement of their issuance, "place your order early for the amount you want," then a new announcement, "orders not accepted for more than 100 coins," then "no orders accepted for more than 10 coins," then "one set to a customer," then "no more orders taken." When the shipments finally went out, very few people received even one set. Recorded prices of sale immediately skyrocketed and while these sets of two coins originally sold for \$3.70 per set, they were bringing \$55 in six weeks. While

this was an outstanding record rapid advancement, some others pretty rapid also, the Cincinnati issued in 1936 went from \$7.70 per set to \$47.50 in a few months, reaching a high of over \$50 per set.

The latter part of 1937 began to see a softening in the demand for these coins and, very soon commemorative coins values went down gradually over night. In some instances sets could be acquired for a little face value.

After this unfortunate episode the issuance of new coins began to decline. Gradually over the year new interest began to develop in them and prices gradually began to better.

Commemorative half dollars are a very interesting set, and there is much interest in them today, although more for the types than all the varieties.

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### Judgment Rendered

Whitman Publishing Company, Racine, Wisconsin, producers of well-known Whitman Coin Folder, A Guide Book of United States Coins and Handbook of United States Coins, recently obtained a judgment in United States District Court, Southern District of Ohio, permanently restraining Henry L. Writese, Columbus, Ohio, from infringing copyrights of Whitman's Handbook of United States Coins.

Whitman obtained judgment without proof that Writese published or sold a coin book entitled United States Coin Value Guide Book, substantial parts of which were copied from Whitman's Handbook of United States Coins.

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Quarter dollars	\$ 715,000.00	.....	516,000.00	1,231,000.00	4,924,000
Dimes	194,000.00	.....	162,400.00	356,400.00	3,564,000
Total Silver	909,000.00	.....	946,400.00	1,855,400.00	9,024,000
MINOR					
Five-cent pieces	186,200.00	\$ 95,800.00	226,600.00	508,600.00	10,172,000
One-cent pieces	317,500.00	78,500.00	189,300.00	585,300.00	58,530,000
Total minor	503,700.00	174,300.00	415,900.00	1,093,900.00	68,702,000
Tot. dom. coinage	1,412,700.00	174,300.00	1,362,300.00	2,949,300.00	77,726,000

### Coinage Executed for Foreign Governments.

Mint	Country	Metal	Denomination	Total Pieces
Philadelphia	Dominican Republic	Bronze	1 Centavo	3,000,000 pieces
Philadelphia	Saudi Arabia	Silver	1 Rial	5,208,000 pieces
San Francisco	Venezuela	Nickel	5 Centimos	2,200,000 pieces
				10,408,000 pieces

# Highlights in the Career of DAVID CASSEL WISMER, Numismatist

Born: March 25, 1857 — Died: May 31, 1949

By MRS. C. E. OSMUN

About 1885, D. C. Wismer purchased his first large copper cents from a farmer near North Wales, Pennsylvania, at five cents each. There were twenty-five old copper cents, total price \$1.25. He placed them in a desk-drawer, out of sight, and did not think about them until a year or more. When he looked for them there were no copper cents to be found, so he asked Mrs. Wismer to be sure, and she told him that the boys had been playing with them, but he had lost them.

In 1889, DCW, became acquainted with a man by the name of Jackson, who was a collector, and had some superb half-cents, also Continental and Colonial Currency.

Later he became acquainted with Mr. Mason, The Chapman Brothers and their father, Dr. Maris, Mr. Idler and other noted dealers, from whom he acquired most of his coins.

About 1895, he became interested in Civil War tokens and store cards, which a lot of about 3600 pieces, which made him a collector of that type of "necessity" money. Upon finding quite a number of different types of "DIX" Tokens, he endeavored to get all the varieties together, and found nineteen.

From 1892 to 1896, there was a general recession in business and many business failures. Bryan started his Free Silver Campaign. In trying to find out what it was about and to learn about the development of our

currency system, DCW commenced to collect paper money. He knew about the Colonial and Continental Bills, but wanted to learn about the Bank Money which was the principal paper currency from 1790 to 1866. Thereafter, he devoted all his spare time to his specialty—Obsolete Paper Money. He studied it from every possible angle, historically, artistically, and so on.

He wrote much on coins, some of the subjects included in his books, pamphlets, and articles are: "Aluminum for Minor Coins"; "Descriptive List of Obsolete Paper Money"; "Dix Civil War Tokens"; "Check List of Continental and Colonial Currency for Collectors"; "Descriptive List of Obsolete Paper Money Issued in New Jersey" (1928); "New York Descriptive List of Obsolete Paper Money" (1931); "Descriptive List of Old Paper Money Issued in Ohio" (1932); "Pennsylvania Descriptive List of Obsolete State Bank Notes, 1782-1866" (1933); "Price List of Paper Money Issued in the United States" (1929).

He was referred to as the "Dean of American Numismatists" and known as an authority on old Paper Money throughout the United States.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Mrs. Osmun is the daughter of the late Mr. Wismer, noted numismatist. Her father's passing removes a real numismatic student, and a much loved gentleman from our midst.

**WANTED: PAPER Money issued in New Jersey, also American Colonial Notes.**—N. Spiro, 14 Burr Rd., Maplewood, N. J. #124221

**WANTED:** For private collection, gold coins from Spain, Portugal, Mexico, South and Central America. Please send list with condition and prices wanted.—Jos. B. Stack, 178-61 Wexford Terrace, Jamaica Estate, New York. Jly124891

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George J. Bauer, hobbyist and a leading authority on numismatics, was recently elected by the Rochester Museum Hobby Council to receive the 1949 Henry E. Weissenbeck Memorial Award and Citation. The award to Mr. Bauer was made at the 3rd Annual Convocation of the Hobby Council at the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences on June 17th.

At the age of 79, Mr. Bauer is actively interested in numismatics and in helping others to learn more about this hobby. He was cited as an "outstanding amateur collector, student, and teacher" in the field.

Among the nation's collectors, he is regarded as the greatest United States amateur authority on Ancient Roman coins and one of the three leading United States amateur authorities on Ancient Greek coins. He also has the distinction of being one of the first to display coins at fairs and other meetings, thus stimulating interest in numismatics by making

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# Mechanical and Electrical Antiques

## History of Useful Articles Including Some Inventions

In the IMPERIAL MAGAZINE, April, 1895

Brooms were used in Egypt 2,000 years before Christ.

Buttons were used in Troy. Schliemann found over 1,800 of gold.

Needles antedate history. They were first made in America in 1680.

Lamps were used before written history. Thousands of ancient lamps have been found.

Tea pots were the invention of either the Indians or the Chinese, and are of uncertain antiquity. They came to Europe with tea in 1610.

Dishes of gold and silver in table service in 900 B. C. were found at Troy by Dr. Schliemann. One of these was about the size now employed.

Pepper casters were used by the Athenians, pepper being a common condiment. They were placed on the table with the salt in England in the sixteenth century.

The first patent for a sewing machine was issued in England in 1790. This early invention was not successful, and other patents were issued in 1804, 1818 and scores of times since.

Rocking cradles for babies were used by the Egyptians many centuries before Christ. Among the pictures copied by Belzoni is one of an Egyptian mother at work with her foot on the cradle.

Tumblers of nearly the same shape and dimensions as those employed to-day have been found in great numbers in Pompeii. They were of gold, silver, agate, marble and other semi-precious stones.

Lucifer matches were patented in 1834, while friction matches preceded them by thirteen years. The improved machinery by which matches are now made by the million at a trif-

ling cost were the inventions of comparatively recent years.

Coffee pots are an Oriental invention, and are supposed to have come from Arabia in A. D. 1400. About the same time they were used in Persia, but they did not come to France until 1662, and made their appearance in England with coffee in 1650.

Rocking chairs of the styles prevailing nowadays are believed to have been invented in the present century. They are mentioned by Venerable Bede. "The women now are so luxurious that they do have chairs with wooden circles on the legs and which sway back and forth in such sort that it maketh one sick to behold them."

Chairs were in use in Egypt as long ago as 3300 B. C. The Chinese employed them from about 1300 B. C. In India they were used and are mentioned as dating from 1100 B. C. House chairs with backs were in use in India A. D. 300. They are known to have been employed in Rome as early as A. D. 70, being mentioned by Pliny at that date. Chairs with foot rests were used in Rome A. D. 150.

Goblets with stem and stand like those we use to-day were employed in Troy 900 B. C. Among the valuable objects found by Dr. Schliemann was a golden goblet. Vessels of this metal were commonly employed in the service of temples. A curious goblet with three stems has been found at Pompeii. Its use is conjectural, but the supposition is that it was used to pour libations to the gods.

Salt cellars first came into use in medieval times; there was only one on the table, and it held from two to three quarts. The salt was placed about the middle of the table's length. At the upper end sat the lord of the castle or palace and his intimates, and the salt cellars marked the dividing line between the associates of the nobleman and his dependents, so that to "sit below" the salt meant social inferiority.

Among the Arabs a practice of time immemorial has prevailed, churning by placing the milk in leather skins, which were shaken until the butter came. Huns did their churning by a bag of milk to a short lar, the other end of which was fastened to the saddle. The horse was a brisk gallop, and after a few miles the churning was considered to be accomplished.

Smoothing-irons were first used in France, and are supposed to have been a French invention, being introduced in the sixteenth century. After the introduction of linens were first made under pressure, being starched and between two boards. This method found not to give the best result was next had to press a cold flatiron, and finally the iron was heated to impart the polish considered indispensable.

Individual plates for table use were unknown to the ancients, who ate their meat in their hands. The flat wheaten cake made on which to hold their vessels. They are first mentioned in 600, as used by the luxurious Persians, and in the ninth century they had come into common use in England of earthenware, the former material being preferred. It did not dull the knives.

The cups of the Assyrians resemble our saucers. Every man and gentleman had his own cup and saucer, the latter of which always accompanied him to the table, carrying before him the cup of silver, crystal or marble, the master only used on stated occasions. Saucers for cups were introduced in the latter part of the eighteenth century, and at first were greatly ridiculed, the persons who employed them being said not to be able to do without having two cups.

Stoves are thought to have been used by the Romans. They were of brick, closely resembling the earthenware stoves, which give heat, but conceal the fire. The Romans say that Roman rooms were sometimes heated by building a large iron or earthenware stove in the middle of a room. Earthenware stoves were patented in 1818, since that date over 1,000 have been taken out on different varieties of stoves and ranges in America, and an almost equal number have been issued in Great Britain.

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not" in grandmother's parlor. This was of walnut, consisting of five shelves, each supported by hand turned, spool-like spindles, the shelves increasing in size from top to bottom. They were crowded with cherished bric-a-brac, also glass and china ob-

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jects, belonging to different members of the family, perhaps brought home by them from their few, but exciting, trips to the near-by cities and expositions. Many were birthday gifts placed on the shelves for exhibition only. On one shelf stood commemorative glass and silver mugs. Another held china pin trays, tiny cups and saucers on which were painted colored views of Niagara Falls and the National Capitol. Other shelves were filled with colored glass slippers, Staffordshire dogs and cats and paper weights, which would be rare today. I could not forget a large marble of clear glass, blown over a little silver lamb. How I loved to hold it tenderly in my hands. A few pieces of foreign money and some gold nuggets, presented by a roaming uncle in the family, completed the miscellaneous collection.

Grandmother had hung embroidered mottoes and samplers in every room. The one in the parlor was, "Remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth." It was framed in a criss-cross frame of walnut.

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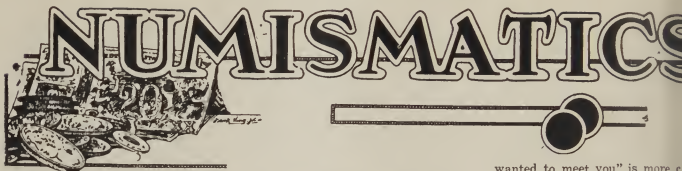
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## NUMISMATIC THOUGHTS

By FRANK C. ROSS

It takes all sorts of folks to make a hobby world. Difference in tastes supports the grocer and difference of opinions makes hobbies flourish. A one track world would make life's journey monotonous. Difference of opinions makes for arguments and without frictional discussions society would tarnish. A one-minded hobby world and we might all be collecting dolls; a one track numismatic line and the government might not be able to turn out enough Lincoln and Indian head cents to supply collectors.

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Coinie says the feminine for Cents is Sense. The Montreal Star once said the feminine of bachelor is a "lady in waiting."

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"Flash your roll" if you wish to show your ignorance, for it is said he who parades his money advertises his ignorance, but do not have a "flash" roll, for flash is a synonym of counterfeit. Many years ago in England some one tried a short cut to riches by counterfeiting money. When his get rich quick career was halted it was found he had made the "queer" money in a town named Flash, and ever since counterfeit money has borne the name of "flash."

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Big heroes from little he-rows grow, the largest streams start from a little flow. Every senior coin collection was cradled in a cigar box. As a babe is nursed, so grows the man; nurse your small collection and it will grow into a husky lad, and on to a stalwart man. Don't belittle a baby collection, but tinkle it under the chin, for every large collection was once a little "begin."

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Little Miss Coinie sat all alone—enjoying the beautiful day. Along came Tax Token, hilarious and loud-spoken, and frightened Miss Coinie away.

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For the benefit of the old timers who still call spades spades, if you hear a new-timer mention his "numismatic specimens" he is speaking old language in new terms; he means old coins. If he says he "specializes in foreigners" he collects coins from the old world. Something like menus "rhubarbing" pie-plant. And speaking of pies, they have become the "staff of desserts." There are bakery plants now that turn out nothing but

pies, but with all their new-fangled modus-operandis they do not hold a candlestick to Grandma's pie plant.

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The East is East and the West is West. The East has discarded the silver dollar pocket piece as too heavy to tote and has replaced it with a dollar bill in a folder. Representative White of Idaho once said "Anybody who can't carry at least five of 'em (silver dollar cartwheels) in each pocket is a sissy."

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Collecting things is a habit, like fishing, hunting, athletics. The main difference between collectors is in the choice of collections. Some like stamps, others antiques, but the first call is old money. Numismatism is the mainstay of hobbyism in age, worth and favoritism. There is something substantial about money that appeals to all. Money is a necessity in every walk of life, in every industrial undertaking, in inter-governmental relations, in balancing the budget; it is our bread and butter, our bed and walk. First in war, first in peace, and first in the thoughts of every one.

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With the advent of so many new coin collectors the inquiries pour in in ever increasing number. "As a beginner what coins should I collect and what phase should I take up?" Begin at the bottom and go up, and on the climb upward you will learn first hand the art of elimination and selection; you will adopt the phase to your liking. It is nonsense, utter nonsense, to answer him with an academic dissertation on the advanced lessons of numismatics. It is nonsense, utter nonsense, to try to foist on him your pet phase, as, what is tasty to one is indigestion to another. The beginner's own common sense is better than another's nonsense. Advise the beginner to just keep on collecting and leave it to him to do the selecting. A beginner with sense enough to start a collection has common sense enough to make a selection, for common sense is merely using one's head." And what is nonsense? The Toronto Globe says "Nonsense is when an elephant is hanging over a cliff with its tail tied to a daisy."

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One spontaneous unpremeditated compliment is worth a thousand rote premeditated ones. An "I've always

wanted to meet you" is more elementary than the stock expression "I'm pleased to meet you."

A true coin collector is anxious to put his hobby over, to gain recruits. Different collectors have different methods of converting prospects. Many negate their efforts by trying to shame a small collector into a large one by belittling it. It is regrettable; instead of shaming a junior into a senior he shames him into discarding his small collection with "what's the use" and giving an inferiority complex toward their efforts.

Others have a prepared, indited complaint, delivered in a prepared form, repeated so often it becomes a rote, easily detected, premeditated and considered "saucy" by the prospect and takes a "pinch of salt." The effective evangelist greets the youngest spontaneous enthusiasm, with "I have got," not "you should have fine collection; points out the points, not the shortcomings; thus, for enthusiasm is catching, enthusiasm is unpremeditated. A meditated greeting, complimentary enthusiasm is a dish of "apple-seasoned with a pinch of salt, harmful than helpful."

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Stick-to-it-iveness is the last success. You make up your mind are going to complete your phase of coin collecting. You are fresh at the start, the coins are easy; as you travel along, the difficulties become hard to locate and begin to tire. You grow travel and are tempted to give up and turn back. Don't do it; go ahead of you may be rougher, much shorter, than the reverse home. Stick to it. Remember Josh Billings said of the stamp sifter the postage stamp; it is success through its ability to do one thing 'til it gets there."

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Cross word fans—and who one—are familiar with the two word PI, meaning jumbled type have a pi collection of coins all led up in a cigar box. Pi is one with that other two letter cross ai, meaning sloth. Don't be a collector.

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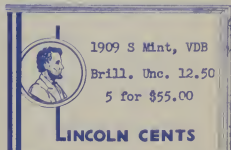
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1937 Boone .....	2.00
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1936 Oregon .....	2.00
1936 Oregon, S Mint .....	5.00
1937 Oregon .....	2.00
1938 Oregon, PDS Set .....	9.50
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1916-S Brill. Uncirculated...	2.50
1916-D Brill. Uncirculated...	1.50
1917-S Brill. Uncirculated...	2.00
1918-S Brill. Uncirculated...	4.00
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1921 Brill. Uncirculated ....	1.45
1922-D Brill. Uncirculated...	2.25
1923-25-26-27-28 Br.Unc. each	.50
1924 Brill. Uncirculated....	1.00
1924-D Brill. Uncirculated...	6.50
1925-S Brill. Uncirculated...	4.50
1927-S Brill. Uncirculated...	4.25
1927-D Brill. Uncirculated...	1.85
1928-S or D, Br. Unc. each...	2.50

# INTERESTING EXCERPTS FROM "HISTORY OF THE U. S. MINT"

The first coinage of the United States was silver half-dimes in October, 1792, of which Washington makes mention in his address to Congress on November 6, 1792 as follows: "There has been a small be-  
ginning in the coinage of half-dimes the want of small coins in circulation, calling the first attention to them."

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Previous to the coinage of silver dollars at the Philadelphia Mint in 1794, the following amusing incidents occurred in Congress, while the emblems and devices proposed for the reverse field of that coin were being discussed. A member of the House from the South bitterly opposed the choice of the eagle, on the ground of its being the "king of birds," and hence neither proper nor suitable to represent a nation whose institutions and interests were wholly inimical to monarchical forms of government. Judge Thatcher playfully, in reply, suggested that perhaps a goose might suit the gentleman, as it was a rather humble and republican bird, and would also be serviceable in other respects, as the goslings would answer to place upon the dimes. This answer created considerable merriment, and the irate Southerner, conceiving the humorous rejoinder as an insult, sent a challenge to the Judge, who promptly declined it. The bearer, rather astonished, asked "Will you be branded as a coward?" "Certainly, if he pleases," replied Thatcher; "I always was one and he knew it, or he would never have risked a challenge."

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1849 Cl.wreath. Ex. fine....	\$ 6.75
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1852 Very fine plus.....	5.25
1853 Uncirculated.....	6.00
1853 Very fine plus.....	5.25
1854 Small, Ext. fine.....	5.50
1854 Large, Ext. fine.....	5.25
1855 Very fine .....	6.00
1855-O Mint, Very fine.....	9.50
1856 Slanting 5, Unc.....	7.50
1856 Very fine.....	5.75
1856 Fine.....	5.00
1857 Very fine plus.....	5.25
1861 Very fine plus.....	5.25
1862 About Uncirculated....	6.25
1862 Very fine.....	5.25
1873 Uncirculated.....	6.75
1873 About uncirculated....	6.00
1874 Semi-proof .....	12.50
1874 Uncirculated.....	6.75
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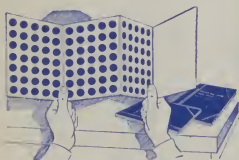
Mint scales often described as the "finest in the world" will register a tiny pencil dot on an ordinary sheet of paper.

Coins are first blanked out in their respective shapes from shining strips of metal, then stamped with inscriptions.

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- No. 912 Liberty Seated Dime 1897 to 1867
- No. 913 Liberty Seated Dime 1863 to 1891
- No. 914 Barber Dime 1897 to 1916
- No. 915 Mercury Head Dime 1916 to 1945
- No. 916 Roosevelt Dime Starting 1946
- No. 917 Barber Quarter 1892 to 1905.
- No. 918 Barber Quarter 1906 to 1916
- No. 919 Liberty Standing Quarter 1916 to 1946
- No. 920 Washington Head Quarter 1932 to 1945
- No. 921 Washington Head Quarter Starting 1946
- No. 922 Seated Half Dollar 1862 to 1883
- No. 923 Seated Half Dollar 1934 to 1945
- No. 924 Liberty Standing Half Dollar 1916 to 1946
- No. 925 Liberty Standing Half Dollar Starting 1946
- No. 926 Roosevelt Half Dollar 1946 to 1954
- No. 927 Roosevelt Half Dollar 1954 to 1964
- No. 928 Roosevelt Half Dollar 1964 to 1984
- No. 929 Roosevelt Half Dollar 1984 to 1999

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	V.Gd.	Unc.	Proof
1856 .....			175.00
1857 .....	.35	4.00	
1858 LL....	.50	7.50	
1858 SL....	.50	9.00	
1859 .....	.30	4.50	
1860 .....	.25	3.50	
1861 .....	1.25	7.25	
1862 .....	.15	1.00	
1863 .....	.15	1.00	8.50
1864 CN....	.50	2.75	10.00
1864 Br....	.20	3.50	
1864-L ...	7.50	25.00	
1865 .....	.20	2.75	
1866 .....	2.00	12.00	
1867 .....	2.00	10.00	
1868 .....	2.00	9.00	
1869 .....	2.50	12.50	
1870 .....	3.00	12.50	
1871 .....	3.75	15.00	
1872 .....	5.00	20.00	
1873 .....	.75	4.25	6.75
1874 .....	.75	4.00	6.75
1875 .....	.60	7.50	9.00
1876 .....	1.50	7.00	
1877 .....	9.00	50.00	
1878 .....	1.50	6.00	8.00
1879 .....	.20	2.00	3.50
1880 .....		1.50	3.50
1881 .....		2.00	3.50
1882 .....		1.50	2.50
1883 .....		1.50	2.50
1884 .....	.20	2.00	2.75
1885 .....	.35	5.00	6.50
1886 .....		2.00	2.50
1887 .....		1.50	2.50
1888 .....		1.50	2.75
1889 .....		1.50	2.50
1890 .....		1.50	2.50
1891 .....		1.50	2.50
1892 .....		2.50	3.50
1893 .....		1.75	3.25
1894 .....		2.50	3.50
1895 .....		1.50	3.00
1896 .....		2.75	5.00
1897 .....		2.75	5.00
1898 .....		2.25	4.00
1899 .....		2.00	4.00
1900 .....		1.50	3.00
1901 .....		1.25	3.50
1902 .....		.85	3.50
1903 .....		.85	3.50
1904 .....		.85	2.50
1905 .....		.75	2.50
1906 .....		.75	3.50
1907 .....		.90	3.50
1908 .....		1.00	3.00
1908-S....	1.75	6.00 (F...	2.50)
1909 .....		.75	5.00
1909-S....	10.00	25.00 (F...	12.50)

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# Numismatic Thoughts

By FRANK C. ROSS  
(CONTINUED)

lecting coins, and studying are two different things. Singly only go half way, but the two never travel the whole distance. A collector that does not study, as a collector knows the last word in numismatics, and insists on telling everything he knows, which is a lot, and that little is generally not certain coins of certain dates and worth, and the relative scarcity of different pieces. As to the science of numismatics he is all at sea. He is nothing like the specialist depicted by Smithville Democratized, "one who knows more and about less and less until he is everything about nothing."

Money may bring nothing but trouble, observes an Allen man to journal, "but still I see that it's only kind of trouble that's hard row."

Money was the cause of all our troubles would be ones, for as a rule we have big but small change. It is not, but the lack of it, that troubles. This does not, of course, remove our old coins, for old coins are trouble-mongers.

Have spent money and saved it, but have you ever eaten any? Be so sure before you answer critically "No", for you most likely have eaten coconuts. In the of the South Sea Islands is used as a medium of exchange. Copra is the dried kernel of coconuts. Losing its money function leaving the natives copra better merchandise and is used in soap, candles and like products. Makes all kinds of money to make matics.

General advice is "collect something, but collect". Have taken this too literally wish to put in a protest, to an exception. "Collect anything — but cobwebs". A thinking man with a collection of cobwebs is as useful — or harmful — as a man with an unmanageable pig wheel.

Numismatics are collectors. You have a collection of dimes, one each date, and think you are rich, but you are not. Each coin demands his "side-kick", his mint mark, and so vociferously will have to grant his request to quiet him. Your "to neck" brother Mint will avail itself nil, forming your collection keep "weather eye" open for the rest of your adopted child.

Let a spider build a "flycatcher" in front of your coin collection, unless you wish them to be "the forgotten coins." A spider may have saved the life of a man, but your coins are not going to be saved in that fashion.

They don't want to hide out, they want to be on parade. Don't let their home become a spider's rendezvous. Spider webs bespeak a poor housekeeper, and spider-webbed collections betoken poor numismaticship. Don't Mohammed your collection.

Numismatists collect other things besides old coins. Along with everybody else they also collect the age old alibis and troubles — also new ones. You should keep your alibis on the "tips of the fingers" but "troubles" should be kept in an air tight wallet, and, as Ching Chow says, "A man's own breast is the best wallet to carry his troubles in."

Talk coins and back your talk with an exhibit, but in your talk stress historic interest rather than premium value. Talk to a beginner about a \$1000 collection and it will scare and discourage him. Instead, show him how he may have a respectable collection of interesting coins at a nominal cost. In teaching your son the habit and benefits of thrift you don't talk in terms of millions, but about that "first hundred."

Recruit new collectors; the old ones can paddle their own boat. A new convert is easy to persuade; they are hungry "to be saved". At a coin club exhibit a young man, whose looks, dress and demeanor betokened he was "somebody", stared for a long time at a framed complete set of Trade Dollars. Noticing it, a committeeman asked if he was interested in trade dollars. "Is that what those things are? I have been trying to make them out." He was greatly interested in their history; the different "conditions", proof, uncirculated, fine, good and fair, mint marks; large size; odd decorations compared to the regular dollar. This was merely a starter for he insisted on being told of the other displays. When through he said "I never knew there was so much to the hobby; I always thought an old coin was an old coin, the older the better, but I now see age is a minor consideration. We learn something new every day, and I have learned enough today about coins to supply my 'daily new' for the balance of the year." He accepted an invitation to a meeting of the Club, joined, and is now an enthusiastic collector.

Collectors frequently complain that dealers buy their coins too cheap and sell them too dear; that there should not be such a margin of profit. Just remember that coin dealers are merchants and the merchant's lullaby is "Buy-low, buy-low, — sell-hye, sell-hye."

If you are called a crank, it is an opprobrium; but if you are spoken of as a quoted "crank" (some thing like 'smile when you call me that') it is a compliment. A crank is one who throws his own monkey wrench into his thought machinery; a "crank" is one who keeps his

leisure-moments apparatus well oiled. A crank is a matter-of-factor, a "crank" a hobbyist. We learn from "cranks", annoyed by cranks. Cranks are not "cranks" and "cranks" are not cranks. Cranks and "cranks" just won't mix. An afternoon in the fields and woods with a botanical "crank" will evidence you he is not a crank. A numismatic "crank" is not a crank. Be a numismatic "crank" and proud of your "crankiness", but avoid cranks and their crankiness.

## On Coins and Collecting

By HARRY BOSLEY

The world may laugh at numismatists, but they are never broke.

In coins, age enhances true beauty.

One's own coins are most enjoyable.

A man's best friend is his dog, unless he has a coin collection.

The hobby of collecting coins helps build the bridge of friendship between the butcher, the baker, and the candlestick maker.

Numismatists are the few people who can nowadays hold on to their money.

Some say money talks, yet its your best silent partner.

Numismatists is a stimulation for lazy hours, a relaxation from busy ones.

When your life becomes a humdrum, numismatics will make it hum.

Numismatics is the only hobby that's "In the Money".

A sure way to live to be a hundred is to add a coin to your collection every month for 1200 months.

On Christmas morning poor dad is given back some of his own coins.

In the study of coins, you learn the history of their country.

The real Scotchman tips with a mill. When you get ten of them, he gives you a penny.

When that rainy day comes, you will be glad you were a numismatist.

## Commemorative Half Dollars

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1808.....	75.00
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1862 "S" Mint.....	200.00
1834 D - 1835 D 1865D, each.....	5.00
1854 "S".....	250.00
1864 - 65, each.....	30.00
1866 to 1907, each.....	6.00
1908 to 1929, each.....	4.00

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1876.....	125.00 to 200.00
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1828.....	400.00
1829.....	425.00
1834 to 1854, each.....	\$10.00 to 11.00
1855 to 1874, each.....	9.00 to 10.00
1876 to 1915, each.....	8.00 to 9.00
1929.....	50.00 to 100.00

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1838 to 1857, each.....	21.00
1858 D Mint.....	25.00
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# MONEY OF YESTERYEAR

By CHARLES FRENCH

ng the days of Christ, coins ready became popular in use about the civilized world, having most a thousand years to be known as a medium of exchange. The most popular and most coins were those of the Roman Empire, the Silver Denarius, which came down all over the Mediterranean is a coin about as large as a present day nickel. At the time of these interesting pieces were by duly authorized "families" coming around 100, and spread over the Roman Empire. Many were made and even in that day coin collecting had started. rarities of the times were the Greek silver pieces which even demand a very good premium. Greeks did not coin nearly as coins as the Romans after that were the first to use coins in extent and were pioneers in utilizing the use of coins in trade. r money was unknown in the ancient, and gold coins were in a very limited quantities. purchasing power of a silver coin was much greater than a coin would be today. In fact, majority of trade was done in the silver copper coins of the times. people were poorer than now it was the purchasing power of a coin might have been ten to

twenty times that of today. It must also be remembered that there were not nearly as many articles available to be purchased.

Coin collecting was originally called "Medal Collecting" a "numismatist" of a century or more ago was a "Medalist." Looking through Pinkerton's Essay on Medals, printed in 1808 in England, we find only this small reference to American coins, as follows:

"A description of these pieces were as endless as unnecessary; and it were likewise needless to dwell upon the Bombay money; upon Lord Baltimore's, or the other American Coins, the best of which are the two penny, penny, half penny, and farthing of George I marked with a rose,—Rosa Americana. The Isle of Man penny, and half penny copper are so well known that they scarce deserve mention."

That's what was thought of American coins in 1808. While volumes were written upon ancient, medieval, and the coins of the time of Britain, that was all. I should have liked the opportunity to acquire all the rarities which were then considered, not worth mentioning!

Reading further in Pinkerton's, we find the following:

"Edward VI, the gold-half sovereign of the first coinage, formerly rare, is now common, the half crown continues to be very rare.

"Elizabeth, her gold coins in general are common except the royal, which is not so rare as formerly."

I would not mind picking up some of those "common" pieces today.

Indicating the interest in England in coin collecting at the time—

"The gold coin of Edward the Black Prince, called the Chaise, from his appearing on it seated in a chair of State, was sold in 1766 to Mr. Hollis for 25 pounds, 14 shillings and 6 pence or a little under \$130." Quite a bit for the times. The coin's face value was around \$5.00.

We note the comment that Henry III of England was the first who struck pennies in gold and that in 1808 there were only three known—pretty rare.

Turning our thoughts to Great Britain at the end of the Roman Empire. When the Romans left Britain, in the early part of the fifth Century they naturally took with them all coins which they could lay their hands on. The sudden withdrawal of the Roman Civilization from Britain, left the Britons like a deflated balloon, for they had relied greatly upon the Roman influence of the time. A few Roman coins were still in use but the quantity must have been very small and the pieces must have been greatly prized, due to their scarcity.

For one or two centuries, very few coins were used as a medium of Exchange in Britain, and barter and trade must have been the order of the day.

With the coming of the seventh century, Britain resumed trading with the outside world, and we begin to find the use of coins being resumed. Merovingian gold coins have been unearthed in the southern part of England, also crude copies of original Roman, Byzantine and other coins.

Archaeologists frequently find hoards of ancient coins in Great Britain and these aid us much in knowing just what went on at that time. Perhaps one of the greatest hoards ever unearthed was discovered in the early part of the 19th century in the churchyard of St. Martins Canterbury. The gold coins have been identified as having been buried there during the reign of Aethelbert and are coins of Justin II who died in 578.

The marriage of Aethelbert, King of Kent to Bertha, Grand Daughter of Clovis at the end of the 6th century undoubtedly increased the commerce between these two countries and caused a new influx of coins into England. In addition, many other interesting coins were found in this hoard—a solidus coined by a Frankish moneyer named Leudulf, from a now unknown town named Ivegio Vico, another a "triens" of the Bishop Liudard. He is thought to be the Bishop who traveled to England with Bertha for the marriage ceremony.

Distrust in coins was very prevalent during the ancient days due to the large amount of clipping and rubbing and by unscrupulous persons. As the coins were not milled on the edges and were not perfectly round, it was easy to clip off a tiny piece of silver, before passing it on to the next fellow. Some pieces have been found so badly clipped as to hardly be anywhere near their original size. Poor impressions encouraged rubbing, for the added wear on a coin did not show up so readily, transactions in coins usually were handled by weighing the coins for proper weight.

Coins are found, frequently, after having laid away in some unknown place for a long long time, and indeed, such coins can be very, very old but—that does not mean, that they will be valuable, for the condition of the coin might be very greatly harmed.

Old copper cents that have been exposed to moisture or ammonia (from certain chemical reactions in the ground) will be badly corroded, and in some instances "dissolved," to wafer thinness, but still showing evidence of the original design. Silver and gold coins stand up better if buried in the earth, but their alloy will very frequently make them corrode. I have seen silver pieces that have been just as badly corroded as copper ones.

Salt water raises havoc with all coins, in fact most all metals, in time will be very badly corroded. Gold, silver, copper are all subject to a terrific mutilations if left in salt water for a period of years. In fact, old Spanish treasure trove, in coin form, if raised from the sea would be in a pretty bad state of condition from a coin collector's standpoint.

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Coins buried in soil, free of harmful chemicals, would last a very long time without deteriorating, or if they are put in containers that would keep such harmful elements out.

Many hoards of ancient copper, silver and gold coins have been discovered and while some of the coins would be badly corroded, others would be in excellent condition, and the above applies to such coins. If a quantity were stored in a pottery jar, for instance, those packed tight in the center would be less liable to receive the damaging effects than those at the outside.

Coins have been stored in attics, and being hot and dry, these would keep in excellent condition, silver coins would turn black, however, and copper ones dark brown, under normal conditions but these natural discoloration would not harm the value of the pieces. Coins used for cornerstone purposes likely would be harmed some through the year.

Coin collecting in the United States did not become a major hobby until the latter part of the 19th century. In the earlier days, a few pioneer American coin collectors, studying the early United States coins can be thanked for the few superb specimens now found in large coin collections of early rarities. If it had not been

for these men, these coins would not exist today in such fine condition.

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When the hobby finally reached a size of importance, the great thrill was to unearth coins such as the 1804 dollar, and in a few rare instances some were newly discovered that hitherto had not been known to exist. Together with this search the dies of the coins were also found to be still in the mint and a few copies were restruck, or we are led to believe. This practice would not be permitted today, and dies of coins are immediately destroyed at the end of the year they were used.

Collecting in 1858 must have been sufficiently important to induce the United States Mint to commence issuing proofs every year from then on, and this practice, in turn helped increase the interest in coins collecting.

Pattern coin collecting was very popular in the latter part of the 19th century and I believe the number issued and released during this era, was done due to the collector's interest in them.

We do not hear of many celebrated dealers in coins prior to the Civil War. In fact the first dealers in the United States that will go down as true pioneers of the hobby were the Chapman Brothers, late of Philadelphia. The men conducted nationally known auction sales and were so well known for their knowledge of coins as to become authorities on most all issues.

The collections of great rarities which had been amassed prior to their becoming dealers probably gave them their prestige for they sold most of these coins, one time or another, to the new ranks of collectors then coming up.

With the turn of the 20th century other new dealers were cropping up and some of these in the future equalled or excelled the Chapmans.

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# CALLING CARD CASES

By THELMA SHULL

Much of the fine craftsmanship of the past was devoted to the enrichment of small items, precious keepsakes for future generations. Numbered among these collectibles are Victorian card cases. The beauty of materials and the fastidious workmanship lavished on them are incentives to the collector searching for unusual examples.

About a century ago, when ladies of fashion paid social calls, etiquette required that they carry their calling cards in a small case. Though the card case was fragile, it was handled in a genteel manner; and many have survived the intervening years in excellent condition.

Seldom are two found which are exactly alike. They were made from a variety of materials and ornamented

in many ways. A painted porcelain medallion surmounts a case of mother-of-pearl and abalone shell, and an exquisite cameo embellishes another. Sterling silver cases, made in Birmingham, England, have hallmarks for 1835, 1848, etc. Some cases have filigree designs spun from gold or silver threads. Other favorites are of ivory or sandalwood, ornamented with miniature carvings depicting courtyard scenes or symbolical designs of birds or dragons. The amazing detail in these three dimensional carvings records the superlative technique of the Oriental artist. Papier mache fashions others, painted with gold or delicate colors, or inlaid with nacre or silver pique-work.

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By FRANK C. ROSS

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"Pennies From Heaven." Guess even is cleaning house and getting rid of its "pin money" by sending the pennies down to its earthly resting station. The angels do not care pins to keep their wing covers in place.

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Get on your hip-boots and fish in stream. Big fish are found in deep water. The majority, the medium fish with worms from the bank catch the small ones; the minor, the ambitious, bait their hooks with minnows, wade in, and snare the "big-pounders." It is as easy to catch the big ones as the small ones, a matter of wading in. "He would catch fish without not mind being wet."

So it is with coin collecting, you hope to become a senior collector, you must not be afraid of getting wet, not afraid to wade in, undertake deliberately, but having begun, proceed steadfastly. "The fish from the bank gives the maximum of pleasure with the minimum effort, but bucking the current in stream, fishing for the "So-bigs," it gives the maximum of satisfaction and accomplishment. If you do not hesitate to try; bait your hook and wade in; others are motioning you with the invitation, "Come on in, the fishing is fine."

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"What kind of a coin is a night-in-all?"  
"Never heard of it."  
"I heard a man say he spent a night-in-all."

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Don't be satisfied with a small collection just because you feel you will never have a large one. Keep adding it, it will grow; may never reach gaudy proportions, but it won't remain dwarfish. As Ching Chow says, "He who fails to become a giant need not remain content with being a dwarf."

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Better a small collection with lots of time devoted to it than a neglected large one. Better to be acquainted with your small collection than a stranger to a large one. It is the enjoyment and benefit you get from your collection, not merely the ownership,

that counts. "Better little prayer with devotion than much without devotion."

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A large collection safe-boxed away and never looked at is about as beneficial as a large library full of books with un-cut leaves. One book with well worn leaves is worth a thousand unread ones. Keep your collection handy, enjoy it; the same as you do your favorite author.

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To emphasize another's nothingness we speak of him as a "double naught." A "double naught" is the difference between a one dollar and a hundred dollar bill. There is "not" only a difference between man and money, but a difference in the "naughts."

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Am asked: "Why so much hue and cry about commemoratives all coming from one mint, and nothing about the "mints" of regular coins?"

Regular coins come in such large numbers that those from any one mint do not become unusually scarce. They are coined at the different mints to accommodate the distributing banks in their localities. Commemoratives are not minted for circulation and "handy distribution" does not enter the equation. As entire issues are turned over to one applicant it would seem more expeditious the coins be all from the mint nearest the base of operation, but heretofore in most instances the applicants have insisted on the coins being from the three mints. Why? For instance: 15,000 pieces with one mint mark could not be so quickly disposed of as 5,000 from each mint. As bad as was this practice, it was made worse by speculators purchasing in large lots at original prices, and having the market cornered, holding up the collectors.

Members of organizations asking for commemorative issues are of the highest type, and now that they are "hep" to the situation are voluntarily asking for large issues from one mint out of deference and fairness to the ultimate consumers, the collectors. They are too high principled to knowingly be parties to a racketeering venture. The wide publicity to the racketeering evil has made these gentlemen coin-minded, coin-conscious and coin-ethicized, and they themselves are taking the racket out of commemoratives.

The term "coin collector" is becoming obsolete. The term was coined when there was only coins to collect. With paper money, scrip, tokens, medals, being so abundant, "numismatist" is more appropriate, and is coming into vogue. Numismatics covers a multitude of phases. In the near future a coin collector will be literally one who collects coins, while a numismatist will be a general collector.

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The wise man is he who scans the future. Even the squirrel stocks up for a snow-bound. In buying, select coins with an eye for the future. Secure coins in fine condition, and when possible, of limited mintage. They will outlive the fads and stand the test of time. Coins well chosen make fine nest eggs. Then, if necessity compels you to dispose of your collection, you can sell in a lump at a profit instead of peddling one at a time at a loss. Play safe, be wise, look ahead.

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Contentment is wealth. A contented man is one who occupies his leisure with pleasant pursuits. Idleness produces nervousness, and nervousness is a breeder of discontent. Discontent is poverty of mind. Don't value your leisure-time friend, your hobby, your coin collection, in dollars and cents, but in contentment, and the more contentment you get out of it the wealthier you are. Start a coin collection and grow wealthy. Your wealth will be limited only to the time you spend on your hobby.

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One may have the hobby of collecting coins, but numismatics is not a hobby. It is called a hobby for convenience, but it is really a science, a deep study, and like any other science, the end of forty years study finds one still learning. A famous authority being asked "how does it feel to know the 'last word' on coins?" replied, "I am still learning." A new collector with a "Price List of American Coins" knowledge who thinks himself a numismatist is like one who peeps through a telescope at the moon and calls himself an astronomer. He that "scratches the surface" and thinks he has reached "bed rock" recalls the newspaper item (paraphrased) "If your knowledge was put in the eye of a needle it could be threaded in the dark."

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There can be religion without a church, fraternity without a lodge and coin collecting without its club, but the isms without the salutary advantage of church, lodge and club are greatly handicapped. It is the organization, the meeting places, that make them strong and of universal help. There is strength in numbers and regimentation. It is the coin collectors that organize the clubs but it is the clubs that popularize coin collecting. Clubs bring collectors together, educates them in numismatics, furnishes opportunities for contact, spreads the gospel. The amount of good a club does depends on the members; a club is what the members make it, and the best way to make a club is for the members to attend meetings. And it is up to the officers to arrange programs and so conduct the meetings as to attract the members, to make them look forward to the meetings. A club meeting should not be a stag affair. The husbands and the beaus should take their women folks along and give the meetings that "homey" atmosphere so necessary to the success of such affairs. The club should be a gathering place for the women as well as the men, and the women should not be asked to "stick around" while the men enjoy themselves. They should become acquainted, exchange gossip, swap recipes and discuss the latest styles; have a general good time. With "he" and "she" both wanting to go, the club attendance will take care of itself. The wife of an officer of a recently organized coin club, a woman of rare tact and sociability, not as a matter of duty but because it is natural to her, acts as hostess for the club. She sees that the women visitors meet each other, interests them in the coins, keeps conversation going, makes them feel at home, and as a result the meetings are well attended. And is the Club well advertised? Well you know how women can talk. Make the Club a family, not a stag affair, and it will live long and prosper.

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A noted authority on such subjects answered the question "Are men only boys grown up?" with "physically yes, but mentally, no; that we can organize

our lives so as to become something quite different from what we were as children." I haven't the ego to disagree but I exercise my great American prerogative and "beg to differ."

When Congress wanted to ease the President in his multitudinous cares and perplexities did they buy him a "book-shelf?" No, they built him an "old swimming hole." When he goes on his week-end relaxations does he spend them in a college library? No, he grabs his pole, digs some worms and hikes to the "old fishing spot." Does he indulge his hobby in "higher academics?" No, he, like every other red-corpuscled American boy, along with his boy friends, collects coins, stamps, boats, and all the other what-nots a boy is fond of. And F. D. R. was not an exception, he was representative of all the other grown-up boys. A man may boast he has outgrown his childhood, but just show him your collection of old coins and note how quickly he sheds his mature austerity and reverts to his natural self, the eager, wide-eyed, open-mouthed, collecting kid he always was, is, and always will be.

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"The smallest baby stocking is large enough to hold the biggest love in the world." The plainest old coin in the world has the love of its owner.

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"Memory," said the boy, "is the thing we forget with," and a hobby is memory's best forgetter. When busy one forgets his troubles; it is in the leisure time that one broods over his aches and ills, his trials and tribulations. Constant brooding makes a mountain chain emerge from mole hills, while a hobby erodes mountains into mole hills. A coin collector is a good "forgetter" as well as a rememberer, and that accounts for his complacent look that won't come off.

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Invariably inquirers modestly style themselves beginners. The most used term as applied to coin collectors in numismatic articles is "beginners." The first in my experience, an inquiry comes in "Just what is meant by a beginner?" At first thought, easy, a beginner is one who is beginning; second thought, not so simple. Put the question in another form, "when is a beginner not a beginner—what stage of the game does he pass from the numismatic kindergarten into grade school?" Is a collector now forty who was given a collection in boyhood and added to it only as odd coins chanced in his change—who has never studied the hobby,—a beginner? One thinks of a beginner as having only a few common coins as a starter; how about one that falls heir to a large collection of scarcities—is he a beginner? After deciding on the status of a beginner, how long does he remain one? Isn't the term "beginner" relative rather than concrete? A well advanced junior might appear beginningish to an advanced senior collector; and a well advanced amateur might be considered a beginner to the

advanced junior. A beginner, it is to me, is one who has just interested in and taken up the study of numismatics, regardless of the age or his collection; and to be a beginner when he gets a clear idea of the hobby, backed by a collection big or small. In other words, the status of a beginner depends more on what he knows than how many he has, and how long he has collected.

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Boston—There's no law making souvenirs but James D. tried it with coins and ended in prison. He said in court that he had the coins as "souvenirs" but they brought out that some of them found in vending machines.

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Unless you are familiar with the topography of the neighborhood, try to save time by taking a known short cut; stick to the highway. The detour might lead you to a blind alley to a dead end. If you are well advanced in the study of numismatics don't run the risk of a "dead-end" by following even that comes along. Stick to the traveled road until you have it all about and studied the route. Avoid mushroom new wrinkled numismatics. Make sure of the path you take it. Some advise to first and argue afterwards" but prefer sticking to "look before you leap."

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An inquirer asks "when was the hobby of collecting coins born?" before written history. Remind Bill Nye who claimed to have been born at an early age.

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One is happy in his amusement but contented in his hobbies. A. Read said, "Happiness is an emotion that comes and goes; contentment is a continuous contemplation."

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On August 13, President Taft signed a bill fathered by Senator Anderson of New Mexico (D.), which declares "that the United States holds in trust certain lands in Mexico for the Pueblo and Navajo Indians in that state."

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Old Man River doesn't make noise, just keeps rolling along; it is navigable, it carries the load. The sprightly mountain stream pell mell from falls to falls and loud sounds but can't even be called "Still waters run deep." In collecting coins is an Old Man River; numismatics, read coins new and old, amine coin exhibits with the view of gaining knowledge, ask questions, fortify yourself by learning what is all about; run deep, keep along. Don't be a mountain rushing aimlessly forward with nothing to attract attention to you, your siren noise, and as useful as a canoeless depth sound. Be navigable. As the Talmud says "Silence is the fence around wisdom."

... The Mosaics, the coins which we dig up in our fields are not relics of our English fathers, but of a world which our father's swords swept entirely away."—Green, "History of the English People," vol. I, book 1, page —W. S.

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Many collectors have in their collections what they suppose to be California quarter and half dollars, but these are really souvenirs. They have a bear instead of the word dollar. American coins always have the denomination stamped on them.

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Arrows appearing at side of date on the coins of 1853-1854-1855 indicate reduction in weight of silver contents, while the arrows at dates on coins of 1875-1874 indicate an increase in weight.

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The value of a collection depends on the love, not the money that is put into it. A \$5.00 collection with \$100.00 worth of love is more valuable than a \$500.00 collection with \$100 worth of love. That stray, useless mongrel that you gave a name to is worth more to you than a kennelled, pedigreed canine is to your neighbor, and so the small collection picked up one by one, with a little in each find, is dearer than one bought in a lump. The small collection is loved, the large collection is despised; the small one is a pal, the large one a "show off." The small collection will grow into a large one, when full grown will be all the more because of the sentimental attachment. Don't belittle a small collection any more than you would an acorn, for, like an acorn, the small collection if properly nurtured will become a mighty oak.

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## Bebee Exhibit at Railroad Fair

The William A. Bebee's of Chicago are being divided a busy summer between their own offices and the new Gold Gulch at the Chicago Broad Fair, where their collection of rare coins is housed. The exhibit has received wide attention from the position's many visitors, and is of great interest to numismatic circles, particularly those in the Midwest.

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## Comparison

A big silver dollar and a little red cent, lying along together went; a little along the smooth sidewalk when the dollar remarked for dollars (can talk) you poor little cent, you cheap little mite, am bigger and twice as bright, am worth more than you a hundred fold. I written on me in letters bold, the motto drawn from the pious God. "God we trust," which all may read." "As, I know," said the cent, in a cheap little mite and I know not big, nor good, nor bright; "A yet," said the cent, with a meek little sigh, "You don't go to church as often as I."

Exchange—Contributed by Leona S. Hill.

# FRANK C. ROSS RETIRING



Frank C. Ross, noted numismatist, of Kansas City. Mr. Ross is beloved by young and old collectors alike for his tireless efforts in the promulgation of the joys and benefits of coin collecting.

Frank C. Ross, Kansas City, Mo., whose by-line, Numismatic Thoughts, has been avidly followed in HOBBIES for upwards of 20 years, is retiring from his column activities because of ill health, and upon the advice of his physician.

Mr. Ross was the zenith of an editor's dream — a columnist who not only kept ahead of his deadline, but built up a substantial reserve. Mr. Ross was obliged to lay aside his pen and typewriter a few weeks ago, but he had prepared enough material in advance to keep his column going for several months.

In all of our long career, Mr. Ross is one of the most selfless individuals we ever encountered. He spent hours upon hours in his den preparing material, entirely for pleasure, and in the hope it would interest others in his life-long hobby.

Mrs. Ross tells us that he still possesses oddities in coins which he spotted as a newsboy earning circus money on the Sedalia, Mo., streets in the 80's. She further tells us of the many friendly letters that he has received from all over the U. S. and foreign countries. These have given him much pleasure, for many testify to the help they have received from the column. Typical is this one:

Dear Mr. Ross:

I read where you are not up to par. Guess you don't remember me, but back in 1936, I wrote you several letters, when I first started collecting coins, and I always appreciated the help you gave me.

I am sure there are many like myself, who have read your articles who like myself, wish you a speedy recovery. May this note be of some help in boosting you along life's way.

R. L. Poxon, Ohio.

Mr. Ross was born in Bloomington, Ill., March 20, 1872, and was taken to Sedalia, Mo., when a small child. In 1891, he went to Kansas City for permanent residence.

His efforts have always been to help the beginners instead of old collectors. He once said "I would rather be a 'sitter' to young numismatists than a nurse to the oldsters."

He has always boosted local Coin Clubs, claiming that if the local clubs were taken care of, the Inter-State and National Coin associations could take of themselves.

HOBBIES accepts his resignation with great reluctance and keen regret. But one who has served the hobby so unselfishly certainly has earned a seat on the sidelines for a while.

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## MONEY OF YESTERYEAR

By CHARLES FRENCH

Ephraim Brasher's doubloon is a great rarity. Struck in 1787 by this New York goldsmith, there are only two specimens known today, indeed, I doubt if many more were ever struck. These gold coins were designed for use in larger transactions, provided they were struck in quantity which of course, they were not. They are the same size as the Spanish Doubloon of the time and had a value of \$16. Most likely, the reason more were not struck was due to the scarcity of gold available. For such a coin would have most certainly been in demand.

The two specimens known are of the same design with an eagle on one side, the sun rising over a mountain on the other, but the location of the punched "EB" for Ephraim Brasher, is in a different position on each. One appears on the eagle's wing, the other on his breast. This was not done deliberately but punched on hastily any place to identify the maker.

The doubloon is credited with being the first gold piece struck in the United Colonies. While there is one other gold pattern known, it was struck in England as a proposed design for use here. It is the Immune Columbia cent struck in gold in 1785 of which only one specimen is known.

There is also a single copy known of the 1792 Washington Eagle cent struck in gold, which needless to say is also extremely rare.

It was not until three years after the opening of the first mint in Philadelphia that our government began the regular coinage of gold pieces and these coins today are all very rare. The half Eagle or five dollar gold piece and the Eagle or ten dollar gold piece being the first two denominations to be issued, starting a long and interesting series in 1795.

Patterns, of "Currency Dollars" were struck in 1776 in England, designed for use here but few of these were made. Some of the varieties of these are not too high priced, and are interesting for they are the first "Continental Silver Dollar." They are to be found in pewter, silver and brass in several varieties. The rarest is the variety in silver.

Unsettled or hard times always bring forth unusual forms of money. During the Revolutionary War, inflation and uncertainties caused the Continental Currency to come into being. For a populace used to hard money, this flimsy paper was a strange and unwelcome medium of exchange.

The panic of 1837 brought forth the Jackson cents or hard times tokens, coined during that hectic time. These pieces were the forerunner of the thousands of merchants tokens struck in the next twenty years or so.

With the advent of the Civil War, shortage brought us the strange encased postage stamps, postage cur-

rency, and fractional paper money eventually developing into thousands of varieties of Civil war tokens.

With the free silver campaign of the 1890's, extremely large and cumbersome "Bryan" silver dollars were made to show the public how large silver dollar would be if Bryan's silver campaign were to be successful. These coins, nearly four times the size of our regular silver dollar were made on the basis of sixteen one ratio of gold and silver.

Laws of recent times have restricted private issues of coins, even so, many "coins" or tokens have been struck. Some of these do not consider as coins although they really are. Bus, subway transportation tokens are in category, as are the hundreds varieties of wooden nickels issued by municipalities to commemorate an event, these usually appear in rectangular and other shapes, are printed on thin veneer wood, resembling paper money more than coins. The paper scrip currency issued during the depression of the will some day be catalogued some of these interesting notes undoubtedly be found to be of rare.

In 1933 Colorado issued several varieties of silver token dollars called Prosperity tokens, and one or two of the varieties of these are rare.

Have you a penny in your pocket? If so it's a foreign coin, for the old U. S. A. doesn't make pennies. "coppers" we carry for every day use are "cents". Coppers did I say? Again I'm wrong for these cents are bronze, not copper.

That "nickel" we all know so really isn't nickel at all, it's a consists of 75% copper and 25% nickel, the five cent piece has no right to the term "copper" than cent!

Most coins are nicknamed by design appearing on the obverse. Lincoln's head is on the obverse the present day cent hence "Lincoln", Indian Head cent, Liberty Head quarter and so forth. What happened to cause the "buff" nickel? Should have been called "Indian" nickel. Did I say Buff?

Wrong again for it really is a Buffalo. We've all heard of Morgan dollars and halves, with their attractive Liberty head. These are signed by Charles E. Barber, Morgan had absolutely nothing to do with them. The coins were minted from 1891 on, but Morgan designed his "Morgan Dollar" way back in 1878.

We must have named the Mercantile because they slip through fingers so quickly. The lady, and is a lady, is Miss Liberty with a "Mercury" the god always been a gentleman.

Remember the hullabaloo started by a nationwide commentator sev-



ago over the lack of a flag on cello on the reverse of the Jefferson nickel? Thousands of people delved and searched for this "flag nickel" which was non-existent.

Original 1883 nickel without word "cents" caused just as much furor in its day—some were plated and passed as five dollar pieces—most likely the reason word "cents" was added so early, but then, the rumor spread the variety without the "cents" would be rare—even today we come hundreds of extremely fine pieces of this coin.

There are many conflicting stories as to the supposed counterfeit Liberator quarters without dates. Some were supposed to have been struck in Mexico, Germany, and others of real silver and exactly like the real ones but without a date. It is said that the dates on these were off easily due to their being struck so lightly and high on the mill.

When the two dollar bills you see across and see how many you have in your pocket with a corner off. Superstition has it that a dollar bill is unlucky unless the corner is torn off!

Grandparents used to place an orange copper cent in the pickle to make the pickles nice and ask your doctor what he thought of the practice!

Do you see an old silver dollar with a date in it? Probably that one was a baby's teething ring a century or so ago.

When Roosevelt came under criticism when he sponsored the Gauden's gold coins and left it well known legend "In God we trust". This was hastily added to the 8, the following year.

Strange Mexican and English coins are not collected more by States collectors as part of the regular coinage system. Colonial coins collected by us in many instances were coins of foreign make circulated here, Mexican and other coins were accepted here as current money until 1857.

## Numismatic Thoughts

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The average collector with his average collection need not apologize for his averageness. The average citizen is the bulwark of the nation, and the average collector is the backbone of numismatics. The average citizen supports the wealthy and succors the poverty stricken, and the average collector supplies the Seniors with coins and helps the beginners with duplicates. There is not money enough to make millionaires of us all, and there are not enough rare coins to make us all senior collectors. The beginners and the seniors are simply satellites of the big mass, the average collector, but all are ranked numismatists even though of different averages. Borrowing from The Kingfishers verbiage, "Beginners, juniors, seniors, remember we are all brothers in that great fraternity, the Coin Collectors Coterie which judges collectors by their love for and devotion to their coins and not by their degree of averageness."

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In building a collection you have to get out in the sun and work. It is not a white collar job. Of course you will sweat, have several hard falls and get a lot of bruises, but in the end will have something to show for your bruises. It is better to suffer bruises trying, than to sit bruiseless and effortless against a tree. A bruised worker is better than an idle posers.

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A coin club with a minus-pep is as discouraging as a "tin-Lizzie" with a minus-accelerator; it pokes along, and has trouble making the grades. If you want to "go places" repair your accelerator and then "step on it". If you wish your club to be recognized install a new "pep" and then "step on the pep". "Pep is short for accelerator and means "get busy".

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The success of the baking depends on the kneading of the dough. You need the "dough" to form a coin collection and the success of the collection depends on the kneading of the "dough".

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The loud "last laugh" carries a

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## NUMISMATIC THOUGHTS

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tantalizing chuckle, a sort of "I told you so." Those that are holding on to their old staples, coins of small mintage, proven best by test, will have the chortle on those who are playing multi-minted coins. The demand has lots to do with the price, but the price too has something to do with the demand. A price dependent on a "fad" instead of worth is very fluctuous. The price disappears with the fad. The jig-saw puzzles did not put the checker board out of business. Checker players are now chuckling at the jig-sawers.

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Etiquette of the back yard is "make your chickens dig for worms in your own garden"; etiquette of the table is "eat your soup with as little, instead of as much noise as possible"; etiquette of numismatists is "hold the other fellows coins by the edges."

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I can clearly recollect when I first began to collect I saved everything that came into my hands, stamps, coins, and cigar bands, picture cards, old photographs, canes and pipes and autographs, shells and rocks and bric-a-bracs, and a thousand other

odd knick-knacks. Keeping track of them caused such confusion I finally came to the conclusion that a collector of all hobbies is a master of none and that I should discard all of them but one. No hesitation in making a coin collection. If any of you find yourself in the same fix, do as I did — choose numismatics.

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The early American coins of the liberty head, flowing hair type have the edge over latter day artistic beauties in the matter of sincere admiration of the average collector. This is natural, and as it should be, for the old coins represent the babyhood, the cradle, the "Rock a bye baby" days of Uncle Sam and Aunt Columbia, and all the world loves a baby. A poor sort of a person indeed that does not enthuse at the sight of a coin typifying the cradle era of American history.

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It is surprising and cheering how many collectors are taking up foreign money. A few years back foreign coins were oddities, now they are the usual thing. A collection of foreign coins is now the rule instead of the exception. And it is surprising and pleasing to note how foreign

coins are studied by collectors. Collectors of foreign coins are becoming world students. From the study of coins collectors are becoming familiar with ancient and present rulers of the old countries, and the general history, of the different nations. Numismatics is making the world smaller, better, and more friendly. The word "foreigner" applied to people of other countries will be replaced by the better term "neighbors." Start a foreign collection and hasten the day. When we turn foreigners into neighbors we will turn our swords into plows.

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Connie thought the fascis on the reverse of the dime was a golf ball placed there to memorialize the "holers in one", and the links o some of the early coins commemorate our first golf grounds.

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Eneny, meeny, money, dough, i what makes the old mare go; that's why we love our money so.

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On the first gold coins of the country there was no statement of the value, the size of the pieces being deemed sufficient to assure their correct value. The quarter dollar of 1804 has its value abbreviated 25 CENTS and the 1807 half is marked 50 CENTS and was changed in 1838 to HALF-DOL. Does the new quarter in your pocket bear an abbreviation quar. dollar, quarter doll., quar. do. or is it written out in full, quarter dollar? It is odd, but many collectors are more familiar with the older coins than current ones. Draw a picture of the present half dollar stars, lettering and all, and compare it with the coin itself; the won't even bear a family resemblance.

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An interesting collection would be a set of 1873 coins. When you have formed this one set you will realize what the term senior collector means with a like set of all dates. The following would make up a 1873 assembly:—

One cent. Two cent. Three cent. (nickel). Three cent. (silver). Five cent. Half dime (2 mints). Dime (three mints, and with and without arrows at date). Quarter (3 mints and with and without arrows). Half dollar (3 mints, and with and without arrows). Dollar (3 mints). Two dollar (3 mints). One dollar (gold \$2.50 gold (2 mints). \$3 gold. \$5 gold (3 mints). \$10 gold (3 mints). \$20 gold (3 mints).

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The collectors of mistakes outnumber all others, even the numismatists. There are two kinds of mistakes, boneheads and constructive. Boneheads are comparable to counterfeiters and altered dates, avoidable. Constructives to poor swaps, "finger burned" — but curable. Constructive mistakes make a valuable collection. No mistakes, no advancement. Success is built on the lessons of mistakes. One who is mistakeless is unattempts. Our falls taught us to walk; our mistakes taught us to a

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2.50 Indian head	5.00	5.75		5.25	6.25
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Money is a strange thing. The more we handle it the less we understand it. It has been our "side-kick" for thousands of years, yet we are all unacquainted with it. We know that it is for, but not what it is. In, down, through the ages, money consisted of skins, shells, cattle, tobacco, and what-nots, and we value at them, but what would those bankers think, could they pierce the shell, at a little scrap of paper worth intrinsically less than a cent with a purchasable value of \$10,000. Paper money, subsidiary coins, tokens, yet of them good as gold for the amount stamped on them, even though it is not obtainable from the government for redemption. When they took skins for money it was more comprehensible than our present elaborate system. The older we grow the more we know about money. Is it any wonder numismatics is such a fascinating, such a popular hobby.

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Am asked "What is the difference between a senior and a junior coin collector?" As much difference as there is between an arithmetician and a mathematician. When you finished your arithmetic you thought you knew it all, but after wading through algebra, geometry, and trigonometry you found that as an arithmetician you were merely a junior with a little "j". A junior coin collector is one with a moderate collection. If he specializes in cents his collection consists of one coin for each date. He runs more to type, that is, one coin of each date, while the Senior collector collects types within types, and with our early coins, there are types a plenty. Take just one date for instance, the 1817 large cent. The junior has only one coin of that date, while the senior is not satisfied unless he has three of them with 13 stars and one with 15 stars, the three 13 star ones having different kinds of dates, wide, medium and compact. The 1803 large cent has six variations. The 1804 half cent has five variations. And so it goes with most of the early coins. Punctuated dates, period after dates, small and large dates, over-dates, perfect and imperfect dies, stems and stemless wreathes, plain and lettered edges; and this is only a starter to the index. And some say numismatics is mere child's play.

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Why are people more interested in a few old coins of small value than a lot of new ones with large premiums? A wise old sage answers it with "There are more apples on the young tree, but those on the old apple tree are better flavored."

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One is happy in his amusements but contented in his hobbies. As Opie Read said, "Happiness is an emotion that comes and goes; contentment is a continuous contemplation."

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One often hears a woman say "my husband loves his old coins" but never "he admires them." Love comes from the heart and soul, admiration from the eye and head. Admiration is fickle, love is steadfast. An owner loves his dog, whether pedigreed or "just all dog," and a collector loves his coins, whether "premiered" or "just old coins." The ordinary person would not admire the plain New England shilling, a collector would love it. You admire a beautiful woman, but you love every wrinkle in the face and every inch of that hunched body of your dear old grandmother. Love and admiration are kindred but not twins. You admire your bookshelf but you love Mother Goose; you admire grand opera but you love the old favorites. It is the love of the owner for his old coins that makes numismatics the national home pastime, the all time favorite of hobbies; that makes for the contentment of its devotees, a contentment of continuous contemplation and not come and go emotion. Should a commemorative be struck in honor of numismatics the motto would read "We Love Our Coins."

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## AT THE SIGN OF THE CREST

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 159)

the articles, his beautiful daughter has been married.

The following excerpt from an Evanston paper I am sending in as it was printed, as it is self-explanatory. I wrote the story, asking it be re-written in their own language. I felt it should be known what even a good genealogist was doing in the Russian zone of Germany.

## \$10 Evanston Draft Declined by German; Worth ½ Lb. Coffee

A \$10 draft by Evanston genealogist Miss Mabel Louise Keech of the North Shore hotel to a German genealogist for professional services was sufficient to buy him only one-half pound of coffee. He refused the draft and asked her to send him a food order instead.

At his request she had originally sent him the \$10 draft as a first payment for a search he was making for a Cincinnati client of Miss Keech. Last week he sent in his report accompanied by a letter in which he said he had "thought it best to refuse the acceptance since the German bank remitted me only 33-DM for your \$10. This is such an unfavorable rate of exchange that I would not be in a state to buy for this amount (33-DM) half a pound of coffee. I informed the bank to return the money to you and beg you to send me over the Swiss Overseas Co. for the same amount goods certificate for coffee, cocoa or chocolate." He gave the address of the Swiss Overseas company.

A postscript to the German's letter read, "Please, do not find fault with my refusal of the money but I have no mind to let the Berlin bank have the dollars at such a cheap rate."

Miss Keech's Evanston bank informed her of the return of the draft and she has made out a new one to the Swiss Overseas company, 249 W. 34th street, New York city, together with an order for 4 lb. 6 oz. of coffee, 4 lb. of cocoa, and 2 lb. 3 oz. of chocolate for the \$10.

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Q. 657: **LLOYD**—Info. on Descendants of Margaret Turbett & John Lloyd. She dau. of John and Jane (Steel) Turbett, LIVING Westmoreland Co., Pa. in 1865. John in oil business in Venango Co., Pa. One dau. Anna Margaret m. . . . Dick; son John m. . . . Bigelow. — B. H. B., Pa.

Q. 658: **STEEL**—Ancestry of Francis Steel, b. 1741 in the northern part of Ireland. D. nr. Bellefonte, Pa., 4-17-1817. Son in Rev. War. Desire date of arrival in Amer., name of ship, & names of parents.—B. H. B., Pa.

Q. 659: **STORM (STURM)** Ancestry & Desc. of Peter Storm & Barbara Freshour; m. 1787. Res. Morgan Co., W. V.; emigrated to Ohio in 1802 with 7 children. J. G., Ohio.

Q. 660: **GRINNELL** — CRANE. Want parents of Isaiah Grinnell (1827-1861) and wife Jane Crane (prob. sister of Stephen) of Onadago Co., N. Y.—L. J. W., Mich.

Q. 661: **GALE-GRINNELL** — Wanted: Grandparents of John Gale, Jr.; m. Chioe, dau. of Isaiah Grinnell above. John, Jr. b. 1801, d. 1853. John, Sr. (1765-1836). Wife's first name Martha. — L. J. W., Mich.

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Q. 663: **WILSON**—Ances. Descendants who had bro. Castleton & John. Res. Guilford Co., N. C. 1790; later, Tenn. M. Polly Hart; had 5 sons, James, Peter, John, Thomas, Pleasant, Samuel. Corr. inv.—G. E. Blake, Murrieta, Calif.

Q. 664: **HART** — Des. & ancestry of Mary Poll Hart. Granddau. of Lord Williams? and cousin of Lucretia (Hart) Clay, wife of Henry Clay. Corr. inv.—G. E. Blake, Murrieta, Calif.

Q. 665: **WILSON** Pleasant, son of above Michael & Polly (Hart) Wilson. M. 1st, Miriam Catching, 1820; 2nd, Nancy Acres, 1829; 3rd, Almira Sackett, 1836. In Indiana. Was he named for Pleasant Henderson of Henderson Company? Pleasant's bro., Samuel (b. Nashville, Tenn., 1-18-1827, died 2-19-1844 in Ill.). M. Eliza Williams in Hanover Co., Corr. inv.—G. E. Blake, Murrieta, Calif.

Q. 666: **WILSON, HART, WILLIAMS, CASTLETON**—Desire connection links betw. these families. All from Hanover Co., Va. then to N. C. Corr. inv.—G. E. Blake, Murrieta, Calif.

Q. 667: **HALL**—All info. on William J. & Alida (Van Buren) Hall. She b. 6-24-1777. Kinderhook, N. Y.; d. Onelda Co., N. Y., 9-18-1833. In Fonda, N. Y. records in 1799; prob. at Williams-town, Montgomery Co., N. Y. 1834. Desire b. d. & m. dates of W. J. Hall.—H. M. C., Minn.

Q. 668: **HALL**—Tobias, son of above; born where? . . . N. Y. in 1807; d. Auburn, Fayette Co., Ia. 1884; m. N. Y.; Clarissa Cornish who d. 1846; m. 2nd, Theodosia Tanner, d. 1892 in Iowa.—H. M. C., Minn.

Q. 669: **NORTHROP**—Des. parents of Sarah Northrup, who m. Enos Blakelee of Onelda Co., N. Y. He b. 3-31-1753; d. 1814. Onelda Co., N. Y.—H. M. C., Minn.

Q. 670: **REYNOLDS**—Des. parents & dates of Abigail Reynolds, wife of Daniel Blakelee. He b. Ct. 1791, died Onelda Co., N. Y. after 1865. Abigail b. 1799, prob. Vt.—H. M. C., Minn.

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## PERFUME BOTTLES

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# Mechanical and Electrical Antiques

## UNUSUAL INVENTIONS



### Chewing Gum Locket

Specification forming part of Letter's Pat. No. 395,  
dated January 1, 1889

" . . . . The object of my invention is provide a locket of normal form and construction for holding with safety, cleanliness, convenience for use chewing-gum, confections, or medicines, and which may be carried in the pocket or otherwise attached to person, as lockets are ordinarily worn; the improvement consists, essentially, in the locket having an anti-corrosive lining, and also consists in certain details of construction and combinations of parts, hereinafter particularly described, and designated in claims . . . .

"As the lining B is made of non-corrosive material, any of which may be employed without departure from my invention, saliva of the mouth or other substance within the locket will not act upon it chemically, and a case of any preferred material may thus be used. Chewing-gum may thus be carried conveniently upon the person, is not left around carelessly to become dirty or to fall in the hands of persons to whom it does not belong."



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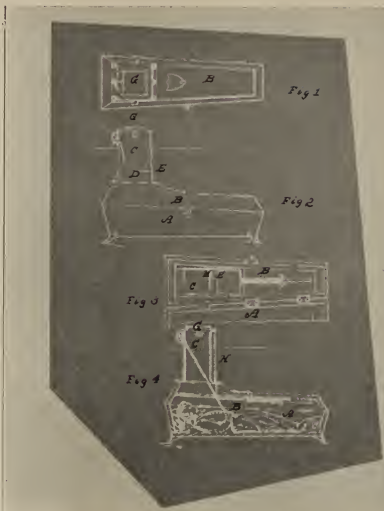


## Improved Burial Case

Specifications forming part of Letter's Pat. No. 81,437,  
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"The nature of this invention consists in acting on the lid of the coffin, and directly over the face of the body laid therein, a square tube, which extends from the coffin through and over the surface of the grave, a lid tube containing a ladder and a cord, one end of said cord being placed in the hand of the person laid in the coffin, and the other end of said cord being attached to a bell on the top of the square tube, so that, should a person be interred ere life is extinct, he can, on recovery to consciousness, ascend from the grave and the coffin by ladder; or, if not able to ascend by said ladder, ring the bell, thereby giving an alarm, and thus save himself from premature burial and death; and on inspection, life is extinct, the tube is withdrawn, the sliding door closed, and the tube used for a similar purpose . . ."

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# NUMISMATICS



## NUMISMATIC THOUGHTS

By FRANK C. ROSS

"No government treasury is stronger than the tax-payer's back." Olin Miller. No coin collection is of more use than its owner's knowledge of the historic value of the coins that comprise it.

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A few years ago a few far-sighted numismatists who did not believe in "temporizing with the devil" protested the speculative (a polite term) feature of commemoratives. A few "timid-souls" temporizers, advised "letting well enough alone" for fear of stopping of commemoratives, for fear of "killing the goose that laid the trafficked coins", who believed that "a spoiled loaf is better than a loaf". Did the fight of the far-sighters, the non-temporizers, stop the coinage of commemoratives, did they murder the "goose"? They stopped the "traffic", and from the number of commemoratives issued each year since, with as many more on the way, they put several more "geese" on the nest. There is no neutral ground between right and wrong; no "on the fence" position. Later, commemorative coins, as a whole, were issued in large numbers, one date, one mint, one type, all on account of the fight for the right made by the non-temporizers of those years ago. Where would we be today had we heeded the advice of the "timid-souls", the temporizers, to try to have "two wrongs make a right" by encouraging the "traffickers"?

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This nationwide rejuvenation of numismatics is not a sporadic flurry but a permanent natural outgrowth of educational publicity. You have caught the urge and have started to build up your small collection but have run up against snags and about ready to cry "quits". Don't get the cold feet. Change that minus sign before "attempt" to a plus after it; change the question mark after "ability" to a row of exclamation points. If you have set-backs, use some blank dashes and keep on plugging. "Don't be a chicken with no grit in your craw". Full grown collections were once infants. Don't doubt your own ability; don't be afraid to attempt; for as Shakespeare said: "Our doubts are traitors,

and make us lose the good we oft might win by fearing to attempt."

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So your collection is not growing as fast as you think it should; it is not nearly so large as your plans called for. Remember success is not won in a single bound; you have to make several leap-frogs before you catch up with it. And Rome wasn't built in one-half holiday; it took several vacationless years. One nice thing, building a collection, like life, "is a struggle, not a warfare".

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Don't worry about the rough looking old coins in your collection in comparison with your dandy commemoratives; just remember "Even a dead cherry tree can bring picturesqueness to a barren hill."

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Keep your eye on the young students of numismatics for "A young scholar is like a seed lying in the ground, which, once sprouting, will continue to grow."

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With apologies to C. S. C. in Independence Examiner for paraphrasing the beautiful poem "Old Hands": "There is a magic in old coins, they are so staid and still; they have a power in them, a sort of clinging thrill. There is a beauty in old coins, they years of toil have spent; they have forgotten selfishness, in working, found content. There is a goodness in old coins, 'though wielders of great power they've softly rubbed the pain away in many a feverish hour. There is a magic in old coins, they are so staid and still, they have a certain power in them, a sort of clinging thrill."

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"A dog fills an empty place in man's life." A hobby does the same thing, it takes care of the interims, the nothing to do periods between doing-things. Looking over old coins is like playing with a favorite dog, it just makes you forget all the little annoyances that otherwise would drive you to despair. Ennui and nervousness are products of your "interims" and a coin collection is the best cure, and best preventative.

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Rolla Clymer of the El Dorado Times says: "One guy who has gone where the woodbine twineth is the fellow who used to carry his own private goose-quill toothpick". And

another one that has met the same fate is the fellow that wore a watch chain made of five dollar gold pieces with a twenty dollar one as a charm. Even if Uncle Sam overlooked his "hoarding of gold" the numismatists would make his life miserable for marring beautiful specimens.

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"You can't stave off old age by being sad about it; you have to laugh it off."—Claude Callan. The best way to solve the old age problem is to get a coin collection and forget ages and dotages. Grow old along with your coins, and, like them, your age will be an asset to you. A contented old age is a beautiful sunset of a pleasant day, a fitting climax of a well-spent life.

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"Success is doing your best". Do the best with what you have to work with and rate yourself a success. One person may have succeeded in acquiring a larger and more valuable coin collection than you, but perhaps he hasn't made the success you have. He probably had better tools to work with, more where-withal, while you were handicapped with where-without. The "withalls" considered, you, working harder, were more of a success than he, for in comparison, you did more with your "less" than he did with his "more". If you have done your best, rank yourself a success.

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Go slow and study as you go. Know "what" you buy, not "that" you buy. One that secures coins simply to "have" a collection instead of knowing and enjoying it is like the newly-rich that fill their library

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Let me again caution beginners, watch for altered dates and mint marks. It is not a "trick of the trade" but "crooked practice", and is on a par with highway robbery. If you have the slightest doubts about a coin, consult an expert. Shy from "doctored" coins.

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"Give a calf rope enough and it will hang itself" is a homely, but very trite saying. A sharper may get along for awhile but sooner or later he "hangs himself". A numismatic sharper is one that wheedles good coins from novitiates by misrepresentation of values and unloads poor ones on them by the same process. These sharpeners are short-lived and soon become ostracised from all good numismatic circles. Misrepresentation, like crime, doesn't pay.

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Those fortunate enough to have a set (12) of "Luthers" or Wartburg German notgelds have no doubt considered the one picturing a girl with an apron full of what appears to be wild flowers a "made up" character, but it is not fanciful. It has to do with one of the most enchanting of German legends. Mr. Max Morgenroth of Kansas City, who was born, raised and educated in a hamlet close to Wartburg, and who is as familiar with the many legends of that locality as we are with our Mother Goose rhymes, says:—"The picture of St. Elizabeth shows her with the rose miracle. Elizabeth, daughter of the Hungarian Crown, was married at fourteen to the Landgrave of Thuringia. He was always out hunting and Elizabeth would walk from the castle and take alms and foodstuff to the needy in Eisenach. He had rebuked her not to be too generous to the poor people. One day when he returned to the castle unexpectedly from a hunting trip he met Elizabeth with an apron full of alms, and he flew into a rage and commanded her to open her apron, and upon doing so, found that the alms had turned into roses."

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Paul Jones of the Lyons News tells this one. "And where did you first meet your wife?" "I did not meet her, she overtook me."

And many collectors will inform you that they did not meet their collection, that the collection overtook them. An odd coin slipped into their change; someone gave them a few odd coins; bought a Commemorative at the Fair; they did not premeditate a collection, it just courted them, sort of a leap year match. Numismatic matches of this kind, even though the Miss does the pursuing always turn out "happy ever after". So if New-Miss-Mattica tries to overtake you, slow down and give her a little encouragement.

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"Soon ripe—soon rotten". Quickly

ripened fruits are perishable. Hobby "fads" are soon forgotten. The hobbies that stick are the ones that take years to accomplish; the collections that you add to year after year. One starts a coin collection at the age of seven and at the age of three score and ten he still finds it incomplete. And although he has been a numismatic student for sixty-three years he is still ready for a post-graduate course. In choosing a hobby, pick an "acorn" that through the years will grow into a mighty oak, not a "mushroom" that quickly disappears without leaving even a trace. Let your selection be like your anger, "slow to ripen". Soon ripened, forgotten.

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"He who goes the wrong road must go the journey twice over." Don't travel with your eyes shut; watch the guide posts; if in doubt, ask. Don't waste time and mileage on a needless detour. Stick to the well worn trail. Do not collect your coins haphazardly, regardless of types, mint marks, conditions, selections; do not collect conglomerately. It just means going "the journey twice over." Know what you collect and collect what you know; watch the guide posts; ask the way when in doubt; don't waste time on the certain phrase of the game, stick to the main road until you reach your destination.

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When the tarnish is on the old coin and you are worried through and through, when it's diminishing in value and you don't know what to do, don't try experimenting or you will

surely rue, just take it to an expert and he'll restore it good as new.

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If you are not able to keep up with changed conditions in numismatics, unable to keep track of the many different commemoratives, foreign money which is now becoming popular, Notgelds, tokens, it is your condition, not numismatics that is to blame. Don't throw up your hands with a "too deep for me," scratch your head and say "I'll take on all comers." As some one said: "Men do not fail because of changed business conditions, but because they are not able enough to meet changed conditions."

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A recent Associated Press report from Vatican City, states:

"A collection of 1,899 coins, some seven centuries old, has been gathered in the grotto of the basilica of St. Peter, where the apostle is believed to have been buried.

"The coins were tossed in the grotto over the centuries by pilgrims."

With the new army of small coin collectors being constantly augmented by recruits by the hundreds it is difficult to foretell at this time what top prices will be asked for perfect such dates as 1865-76, and 1876-77 circulated or proof condition. As far as I can see the limit seems to be the sky.—C. L. C.

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# Money of Yesteryear

By CHARLES FRENCH

Thanksgiving will be here before we know it and of course it makes us think of the Pilgrims, their landing at Plymouth Rock in 1620, and the other historic facts connected with this great historic event.

The event has been duly commemorated in both the stamp collecting and coin collecting world. In 1920, to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the event, three stamps were issued for this purpose. In the numismatic world there were issued very similar but very attractive commemorative half dollars, both appearing on the obverse the bust of a man facing left and on the reverse, the Mayflower in full sail. A variety of this coin that was struck in 1921 is a good deal scarcer than that struck in 1920.

Returning to the days of the Pilgrims, we know that no stamps were issued then, the first being issued in 1896, but of course, coins were definitely an important part of the early century civilization.

Coming from England, the Pilgrims most likely carried some English money with them, coins of the ruler of the times, King James I, Charles I, and possibly a keepsake shilling of Queen Elizabeth. Gold pieces of these rulers were to come by even in these days the Pilgrims, being rather poor, did not be inclined to have many in their possession. This is the case with the silver crowns of the times.

Without doubt many of the lower denominational coins such as copper pennies, some three and six were brought here. We must have in mind when thinking of the times the lower standard of living prevalent in the 17th century. Today is very little in value, a penny of the 17th century was an amount that was not to be regarded. The gold coins, angels, guineas, and crowns, those very coins of the times, were for the part in the hands of the very

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believing of superstitions, did you notice the corners of two dollar bills? Invariably you will find them one of the corners torn off. The superstition is that a dollar bill is unlucky, and to bad luck, some one has torn off a corner.

A bride should always have an ash sapphire in her shoe when married, for this brings good luck. Does the hard coin in her pocket keep her from running?

We guess all of us have placed a coin under a pillow and found it in its place the next morning. Until 1933, two and one half dollar gold pieces were very popular as good luck Christmas gifts. Even before the banking panic when gold coins were common people would gladly pay a

premium for a two and a half for this purpose.

In days gone by, coins with a "three" denomination were considered bad luck and maybe that is the reason why we do not have these denominations today. Three dollar gold pieces, silver and nickel three cent pieces and three dollar bills were all unpopular in their day.

A century and a half ago it was considered good luck to drill a hole in a silver dollar and hang it around the baby's neck on a string. This also had a utilitarian value, made a dandy teething ring.

It is still considered good luck to place a coin of the year in the mortar of the corner stone of a public building and we wonder how many "rarities" might be hidden away by this practice.

"Don't take any wooden nickels," the saying goes, but hundreds of these have been made and distributed as good luck tokens!

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Don't neglect reading books on coins, there's nothing like them, and I do not care how much one knows about the subject of numismatics, there is always more to learn. There are lots of very excellent books available that can be purchased, and public libraries have them on hand for your use.

Numismatic books can be purchased from practically all dealers in coins in the country.

Many times I'm asked for a book that will handle the subject of all coins, and of course one must realize that such a book is impossible to acquire. For to have a library containing information on all coins would take a good deal of time to acquire and a good many books. Pamphlets can be obtained, however, dealing on special sections of the world, such as South America, The Caribbean, etc., and while they are by no means complete, they give sufficient information for the ordinary reader.

There have been several editions of specialized volumes issued in limited numbers in the past that today are quite rare, but the better ones of these can be secured in a reprint issued at a later date and these suffice for the ordinary reader.

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# WHY COINS ARE RARE

By HARRY BOSLEY

ost people are under the impression that the older a coin is the rarer or valuable it is. This is an erroneous impression. There are a number of reasons why coins are rare and age is about at the bottom of the list.

Perhaps number one on the list is mintage. A coin of short issue is always in demand by numismatists, whether of recent date or of a long time ago. The 1877 Indian and 1909SVDB Lincoln head are the shortest issues of the copper class, and of course are rare.

On the other hand, the Mint may issue millions of coins of one issue and yet the coins will become rare. A good example of this is the 1903 Orleans Dollar. The reason for this is when the price of silver bulges over the face value of the coin the government melts all it can. Naturally, the small remainder becomes rare.

Earthquakes, too, can create a rare coin. Most of the 1901 dimes were lost in the San Francisco earthquake. The few that escaped are very items.

Another reason that makes a coin rare is the disappearance of a particular issue. The 1912S quarters shipped to Panama to pay the workers, and what became of them remains a mystery to this day. Sometimes coins are lost at sea and add to the rarity of certain

coins in hiding causes a rarity. A fine example of this is the 1844 Orphan Annie Dime. The legend, goes, the covered

wagon enroute from Westport landing in Kansas City to California was held up by bandits on horse back. The coins were hid for future use but the robbers were killed, and the dimes have not been found to this day. Needless to say the comparatively few Orphan Annie Dimes available are indeed rare.

Unusual markings on coins means a rarity for collectors. An example of this class is the 1917 half dollar with the mint mark under "In God We Trust" on the face of the coin, rather than at the usual location on the reverse side. Then there is the 1878 dollar with seven tail feathers on the eagle instead of the usual eight.

Freak coins mean rarities and are in demand by both numismatists and noncollectors alike. A recent example of this is the 1937D three legged Buffalo Nickel. Other freaks include coins with the reverse side up side down, or 45 degrees to the right or left. Coins struck off center come in this class and are rare collectors items.

Last but far from least is condition of the coin. Experienced collectors demand coins in uncirculated or brand new condition as they come from the Mint. The Mint may make millions of coins of one issue, yet very few of these coins are found in uncirculated condition. A recent example of this is the 1946 San Francisco nickel. The coins were released as fast as they were minted but comparatively few laid away in uncirculated condition. Then, too, an uncirculated coin whether it is of rare or common issue, old or new, is worth many times that of the same issue in worn condition. Coins are graded as to condition, and the finer the condition the more valuable they are from a collectors viewpoint.

All these factors create rarities in coins, which makes the hobby of numismatists most fascinating for folks nine to ninety.

## North Shore Convention in Chicago

The fall convention of the North Shore Numismatic Association will be held in conjunction with the annual banquet of the Chicago Coin Club, Saturday, November 19, Lincoln Room, LaSalle Hotel.

The event will be an "all-day" affair starting at 10 A. M. when exhibits will be laid out. A number of prizes will be offered for various types of exhibits.

The North Shore group is an organization composed of members of coin clubs in Milwaukee, Kenosha and Racine, Wis., and Chicago. However, numismatists other than those residing on the north shore of Lake Michigan are invited to attend.

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## MINERALS OF 1850

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 176)

entering round the church on the  
side, and descending toward the  
af Bridge below, the beautiful  
white theatre of hills surrounding  
town unobscured by the volumes  
of smoke which now envelope them.  
Antiquaries are disposed to date  
the iron trade of Sheffield very far  
back. Hunte says—"The discovery of  
iron beds of scoriae, in various  
parts of the parish of Sheffield, and  
several Roman coins imbedded in  
the refuse of an ancient bloomery,  
Bradford, seems to show clearly  
that the iron mines of Yorkshire  
were explored by its Roman inhab-  
itants. No where did the ore present  
itself more obviously by tinting with  
beautiful ochre the beds of the  
amlets in its vicinity; nowhere  
it lie nearer the surface; now-  
here could there be greater facilit-  
ies for subjecting the ore to the  
processes necessary to extract from  
the metal than in the forests through  
which the Don poured its waters."

ster F. Bardin, California, col-  
lects violins — and is also a master  
man when it comes to making  
musical instrument.

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erty B. Ralls, Texas, has been  
collecting walking canes since 1898,  
has specimens from all over the  
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G. A. Greasley, president of the International Cigar Band Society, congratulates the new king and queen.

## Cigar Band Society Elects King and Queen

An International Cigar Band Queen and The Cigar Band King of the year have been selected by the International Cigar Band Society at its annual convention held in Philadelphia. She is Miss Bettina Edwards, Conover model, and "he" (not a lithographic decoration for a perfect) is Lord Johnny Bothwell, or-

chestra leader. The crowns they wear become the rarest of all "cigar bands"—one of a kind for the next twelve months. The hobbyists, headed by G. A. Greasley of Waukasha, Wis., report the intensive revival of the fad in Holland, Belgium, and Spain, as well as in this country. Norman E. Bobel, N. J., is the secretary.

## GEMS AND MINERALS

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 168)

route takes you through much inter-  
esting country, where wonderstone,  
travertine, vari-colored sandstone and  
chalcodony are found. When you ar-  
rive at the mining town of Bagdad,  
you'll find a modern camp, with mill  
and company town, plus many private  
dwellings, even to a movie. Make  
yourselves known to the chief en-  
gineer or superintendent and he will  
suggest where to stay or camp. As  
my experience has shown me to be  
the wisest; carry your air-mattress  
and sleeping bag. During the greater  
part of the year you'll find the night  
balmy with soft air that makes out-  
side sleeping a true joy. If you hate

to roll out into a crisp morning tem-  
perature, that's only to give you zest  
for the fun a day or a week will give  
you in this primitive area. In the  
canyon just west of the camp are to  
be found azurite, malachite, garnets,  
tourmaline, pyrite and chalcopyrite,  
fossils and many sub-varieties. Sev-  
eral natives live in the area and are  
ready at the drop of a hat to go pro-  
specting with you. So if you're off  
to Bagdad, it's good hunting.

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Collecting old-fashioned pot hold-  
ers is the hobby of Mrs. W. Van  
Meter of Nebraska.



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# Mechanical and Electrical Antiques

## Notes on the Early History of

### THE HINGE

From Great American Industries  
Courtesy Arthur T. Ward,  
New York City collector.

There were hinges long before doors or houses were made by man. The trap-door spiders of warm climates lined their earth-dug nests with silk, closed them above with a neatly fitted door, and hung this door by a delicate and flexible, yet strong and serviceable, hinge, permitting the door, when opened, to fall back to its place by gravitation, ages before man has reasoned himself into anything better than a hole

under some rock, and still longer time before Newton had ascertained the law, or given the name of gravitation. It is extremely probable that the earliest hinge used by men was of a sort still common enough — a piece of leather, or untanned hide or skin, fastened to both door-post and door.

It is in Egypt that the earliest record is found of the substitution of the actual hinge idea, viz, a pivot or joint, in place of a more flexible texture. The Egyptian doors turned on wooden or bronze pins, projecting upward and downward from the top and bottom of the back of the door, into sockets in the lintel and threshold; and similar pegs were used by way of hinges on the lids of boxes. The same arrangement was employed in the domestic architecture of the Greeks and Romans, and it became usual to have the upper pin or pivot a little nearer the middle of the doorway than the lower one, the back of the door sloping accordingly, so that the top of the doorway was narrower than the bottom. It is evident that when the door thus hung was opened to a right angle, for instance, the whole door would have the same slope with the part behind it, so that when let go,

it would fall back of itself to the shut position. It was not on "hung," in the usual sense of the term, but it did really hang forward into the shut position, being held there by gravity.

A curious style of ancient hinge found in the interesting ruins of numerous in what constituted the kingdom of Bashan, on the eastern boundary of the northern part of Palestine. Here is a strange area of bare basaltic rock, rising up from the more fertile land around it as suddenly as a wall, and thickly set with deserted towns, whose houses are well preserved as to be still habitable, being built of slabs of the basalt itself, a black stone, as heavy, as almost as hard, as iron. Few travelers have examined this singular region. Among them may be mentioned Burckhardt, Freshfield, and Porter, the latter of whom thus describes the door of a house in Bursat, one of these deserted cities: "The outer door was a slab of stone, four and one half feet high, four feet wide, and eight inches thick. It hung upon pivots, forming two projecting parts of the slab, working in sockets in the lintel and threshold, as though so massive, I was able to open and shut it with ease." An inscription on one of these buildings in Greek letters, was believed by Burckhardt to bear the date of 36 B. C., being more than two thousand one hundred years old.

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ms from the door, in the prolon-  
gation of a perpendicular line  
rough the substance of the door it-  
f. They were like the two ends of  
spindle run through the length of  
door. The modern hinges are not  
is, but sections out of the length  
a spindle, not through the door,  
d playing above and below it, but  
ween door and door-post, and held  
one by a bolt carrying the spindle  
pivot, and to the other by the eye  
rides on the pivot. Through all  
modifications of "esses," cross-  
smets, H, and H L hinges, etc.,  
these three elements can be dis-  
ried, viz., the pivot, the piece that  
ries it, and the piece that rides  
on it.

During the middle ages hinges  
were made ornamental as well as  
ful, although no improvements  
were effected in the mechanism it-  
f. This ornamenting was chiefly  
naged by means of the attach-  
ments upon the door, which were  
ked into graceful floriated curves,  
reed forms, and other designs of  
ny kinds. Real improvements in  
hinges themselves have been ef-  
fected only since the more modern  
movements in iron and steel work  
erally,—that is, within the last  
dred years, or thereabouts.

The most significant patents on  
this subject have, however, been is-  
sued both in Europe and America  
within a much shorter period than  
in England. Some of them are for  
slopes the flanges of the hinge, which  
cause the door to rise a little as it  
is opened, and of course, to slide back  
its own weight. Others are for  
combinations of a spring with the  
hinge, having the same purpose. But  
all within a few years, the labor-

saving idea of making self-closing  
doors has more usually been effected  
by means of a separate spring and  
roller behind the door; by a torsion  
rod, to be twisted in opening the  
door, and to shut it by the force of  
its untwisting; or by the simpler and  
older means of a counterpoise hung  
by a line running over a pulley. Of  
these ideas there have been numer-  
ous modifications.

As in so many other cases, it was  
an American idea which has been  
developed into the latest and great-  
est advance in contrivances for per-  
fecting hinges. This idea is em-  
bodiment in what are called the "Amer-  
ican Spiral Spring Butts," and which  
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flanges of the two portions of the  
common butt is replaced by a  
cylindrical sheath containing a  
strong spiral spring. This spring is  
so placed and fastened that, as the  
door opens, the spring is forcibly in  
part uncoiled, by being turned or  
pushed backward in the direction of  
the coil. Of course, when the door  
is left free again, the powerful pres-  
sure with which the spring returns  
to its position drives back that part  
of the hinge to which it is keyed to  
the position where it was when the  
door was shut, and drives the door  
with it. That is, it shuts the door—  
the action of the spring moving the  
hinge, and the hinge carrying the  
door, just as, in opening, the door  
had carried the hinge, and the hinge  
the spring.

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of about thirty different sizes, from  
those of thirty three inches in length,  
for light baize doors, up to those a  
foot long, for heavy outer doors, like  
those of churches and other large  
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but its distribution in the different  
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in the roomy cylinder formed by the  
flanges, adds a great further share  
of strength, and the large surface  
occupied by the different bearings  
of the parts of the butt is found to  
keep them remarkably true during  
long periods of use. This is an im-  
portant excellence, as a door that  
sags either downward or forward  
from the grinding away of the parts  
of the hinges upon each other, is  
liable to jam very inconveniently  
either upon the threshold or upon  
the outer door-post.

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## NUMISMATIC THOUGHTS

By FRANK C. ROSS

Clubs are being organized everywhere. Whether increased collecting is the result of clubs, or clubs the result of increased collecting is problematical; probably fifty-fifty. Coin clubs need not necessarily be confined to cities. Two or more persons meeting at prescribed intervals to display and discuss coins constitutes a club. These two sensing the advantage of co-operation will invite others and in time a regularly organized club with its constitution and by-laws will materialize. The advantage of clubs is apparent with the contacts, coin displays, discussions and diffusion of news and views. The grass roots are full of collectors awaiting the call; form a club; announce it in your local paper; you will be surprised at the crop.

oOo

"At any rate", muses the Paris Mercury, "it is a happy home if the radio dials are smeared with jelly." And it is a happy home, too, where the family hobby is shared with the children. Children furnish happiness for the parents; why not reciprocate, go fifty-fifty with them, and make them happy with half-ownership in the good things in the amusement line. Of course one of the youngsters might get a little jelly on one of your proof coins, might try to drive a nail through one of the uncirculates, might get the wrong coins in the wrong envelopes, and occasionally lose a coin down the furnace pipe, but that is not half so tragic as your monopolizing his Christmas mechanical toy and getting it out of working order before he even gets a try at it. Share your hobbies with the children; let them catch the hobby-itis; the good they get out of it will more than compensate for an occasional "jelly smear".

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When you feel coming over you a state of dire dejection and you think you are in for a bad case of blues, don't give up to sad reflection but get out your coin collection and gossip with Miss Numismatic Muse.

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We have cautioned and cautioned beginners to keep an eye open for altered dates and mint marks but it never occurred to us to advise them to be on their guard against

"sending good money after bad." A collector recently paid twelve good American dollars for what he supposed was a pine tree shilling but that was only a dime sized Costa Rica coin. The Costa Rica coin had a tree on one side of it, and although the tree was surrounded in plain letters Republica De Costa Rica and the other side of coin had Americas Central, the novice was "taken in". Don't send good American money after Foreign money without consulting an authority, and for heavens sake don't mistake foreign coins for American like this gentleman did. He lost \$11.90 on a \$12 transaction.

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Little counterfeited coins, little altered dates, make a coin collector very much irate.

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A "stocking" collection is not complete without its Trade dollar. When this now famous coin, Old Pariah, was demonized, our dads and grand-dads tossed one into the old stocking with the other coin odds and ends. Upon finding one now the average person asks "What's that funny looking thing?", and the question is not amiss. Old Pariah is literally a "what is it?" It is money in name only as it is not circulative. It is not a medallion. It is not a commemorative coin. It is what its nickname implies, a pariah, a wanderer, an outcast, always on the move but with no destination in view. It is the greatest oddity in numismatics and will in time become one of numismatists' most cherished possessions. It is an amateurish collection indeed that does not boast of one or more of these pariahs, and with the rapid growth of its popularity it behooves every collector to form his complete set before it is too late.

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Mr. Average Man who is always looking for "his ship to come in" with the fabulous rainbow's "pot of gold" is the same man that is ever hoping to find a valuable rarity in his change. Yet the average man would not know a rarity should he meet it face to face. He should keep posted; should carry a statistic book. An uninformed man looking for a rarity reminds us of the proverb

about the absent minded one, "He looks for his ass and sits upon its back." He might be looking for a rarity with one already in his sack.

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Adversity is the key to prosperity. You will meet with many adversities in your collecting, but patience in your adversities will lead to caution in your prosperity. What if you do get "taken in" with some "bad money", it is a lesson dearly but well learned. A man that has never made a mistake, never met with adversities, has never even attempted, let alone accomplished anything worth while. The history of every major coin collection is replete with mistakes corrected, with adversities overcome. Like Shakespeare said "Sweet are the uses of adversity, which like the toad ugly and venomous, wears yet a precious jewel in his head."

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A collection of old prints represents an ornamental hobby; a collection of autographs a sentimental one. A coin collection is a combination of the two. An editor's collection of blue pencils is according to young and ambitious contributors, most decidedly represents a temperamental hobby.

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"Fun is when happiness wags its tail". Happiness is when a hobby is on your trail.

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What if the bridge men built goes down,

What if the torrent sweeps the town,

The hills are safe, the hills remain, And hills are happy in the rain.

Sara Teasdale.

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The boys and girls of today are disposed to feel sorry for the young ones of pre-modern days. Sympathy wasted. Going to parties at country clubs in taxis, dressed in evening suits and gowns, dancing to orchestral music and served with banquet menus is not indicative of improved love making. A Romeo in jeans and a Juliet in calico walking two miles to a house party, dancing to organ music, served with taffy candy and home made cake, got as much enjoyment as the modernites. Love is blind; it is all in the feel; it is all in the inner feelings of the "hes" and the "shes". The jeaned Romeo and the calicoed Juliet are

just as much "the whole world to me" as are the full-dressed "hes" and the silk-clad "shes".

And so it is with coins. The large collection of scarcities and rarities are no dearer to the major than is the small collection of large calico cents and jeaned half-cents to the minor collector. It is all in the feel. oOo

The term "angel" as applied to certain English gold coins current in the fifteenth, sixteenth and seventeenth centuries was not as some suppose an uncommon nickname, but was in general usage. In the Merry Wives of Windsor, Shakespeare makes Falstaff say, in speaking of a lady of wealth, "he hath legions of angels."

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Not how big but how good. The large grape-fruit is sourer than a small orange. It is said the largest coin in Persia, the two kran piece, is worth only 18 cents.

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A girl that loses her man is consoled with "don't worry, there's as many fish in the sea as has ever been caught." In some parts of Alaska fish-hooks are used as money. Probably for the benefit of the girls that go angling for another man.

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"Not worth a rap" does not mean "not worth a light tap on the wrist." "Rap" was an early counterfeit Irish coin of practically no value.

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By CHARLES H. FRENCH

While the majority of coins one comes across are not very rare I thought you'd like to have a list of some United States coins that I consider to be real rarities. There is a possibility that some of my readers might have one or more of these coins, but the chances are very slim, for the coin's great value is evidence of the few pieces known.

The values I have used are "catalogue" values which does not mean that it is the amount of money you could realize for these pieces; condition, demand and many other circumstances must be taken into consideration in coming to an actual value. These catalogue values however, are invaluable in giving us some idea as to their great scarcity.

The 1804 Silver Dollar is the most celebrated rarity. While there are around 13 of these known, (either accepted as genuine or restrikes) this piece has been publicized widely. There are two varieties. First reverse catalogues at \$6,000, while the second reverse is \$2,500.

The 1815 Five Dollar gold piece. There are probably no more than five of these known and catalogued at \$3,500. Rarer than the 1804 dollar in number known but not in demand.

The 1913 Liberty head nickel. Its catalogue is \$3750.00 and we believe only six specimens were coined and the whereabouts of five of them is known.

The 1894 "S" mint dime records indicate that 24 were coined, and very few are known today. There

have been many "S's" added to Philadelphia mint pieces of this year a care must be taken with this baby—it catalogues at \$2,000.

The 1793 Strawberry sprig large cent. Quantity coined is not known but very few are known to be in existence. This coin is very rare and while there is no catalogue value of the piece, it should be worth around \$3,000.

The 1798 Five Dollar gold piece with small eagle on reverse. Quantity coined of this variety unknown but very rare—Catalogue \$3,000.

The Twenty Dollar Gold piece of 1907, St. Gaudens design with an extremely high relief. This piece is pattern without doubt, and I believe around 16 pieces were struck, value is \$2,000. This must not be confused with the more common, though scarce coin of same design in high relief with fat edge and high wire like border.

The Fifty Dollar gold piece of 1877. Only two patterns of this coin were struck and both are in the United States National Museum, it is rumored that an offer of \$10,000

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The five dollar gold piece of 1832, variety with 12 stars and a curled base two, Value \$2,000, its most common variety of this year with 3 stars is listed at \$600!

I think the foregoing are the rarest coins of the United States series, but there are many others that deserve mention, such coins as the 1796 half cent, while not bringing the extremely high prices, are very rare and greatly sought for by coin collectors. A fine specimen catalogues it from \$300 to \$350.

The 1799 large cent is another celebrity, as is the 1804 cent.

The flying Eagle cent if dated 1855 is catalogued at \$175 in proof condition. Then we have the rare 1867 with rays 1877 both cataloguing \$100 and more in Proof condition.

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ued up to \$300 each. 1875 must have been a small coinage year for in addition to the rare gold dollar, and quarter eagle we find that the gold three of which 20 were coined catalogues in proof at \$2,500.

The five dollar gold piece of 1795, '96, '97, are all rare ranging in catalogue value from \$50 to \$400 apiece. An 1819 Five is worth \$1,000 and all five dollar gold pieces struck in the 1820s run from \$125 to \$1500. Being the last coins struck before their reduction in size, in 1834 many were reputed to have been redeemed for their gold premium. This seems to be occurring today for some of our recent gold coins are beginning to turn out to be very great rarities. A 1921 Twenty Dollar gold piece now catalogues at \$800 if uncirculated and a 1926 struck at Denver catalogues at \$1,000, 1924S \$500; 1926S \$750; 1927 S&D \$600 each and the 1931D \$750.00. Ten dollar gold pieces that have soared to great values are the 1920S—\$225; 1930S \$275; 1933P \$300. The five dollar gold piece of 1929 has skyrocketed to a catalogue value of \$250 in uncirculated condition. It is strange that none of the last quarter eagles have turned out to be extremely rare, probably because of the number of smaller denomination coins released.

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## Money Information For the Numismatist

By MRS. C. E. WISMER OSMUN

Since the Barter System, money consisting of various useful substances was a vital force in creating our civilization to its present industrial stage.

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Grain was the first substance used by man as a medium-of-exchange to represent value or money, as a symbol of required value to secure his necessities.

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The Lydians invented coined money. Gold was the first metal used because the Lydians had access to splendid gold mines. The Persians also began with gold. Greece used silver, and Rome utilized copper.

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China was the first country to use paper money, so naturally is the oldest paper money known to mankind.

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Money is an interesting subject viewed from many angles; first, of course, necessity urges the majority of us to work either mentally or physically to obtain it. Numismatists collect money as a hobby, they obtain a great degree of enjoyment by studying its historical background. Art enters into the picture, as the coins and paper money show the superb skill of the artists and engravers of each particular period.

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Yellow money, white money, brown money, gold money, silver money, copper money, paper money and pen and ink money (bank checks). You

can have your choice as a numismatist as to the variety of money you want to collect at any time.

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An appropriate slogan for the numismatists is "M-ONE-Y MY ONE HOBBY". Money is a descriptive word or symbol of a numismatist. Pass it along!!!

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Many varieties and types of paper money and coins were used in the United States, beginning with the Colonial Period from settlement of Jamestown, Virginia, in 1607 to 1775, the Revolutionary Period—1775 to 1789, and the National Period from 1789 to the present time.

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In 1652, the first mint began operations in Boston, Massachusetts. The N E Coins, the Willow Tree Coins, the Oak tree Coins and the Pine tree Coins were coined by this early mint.

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While doing some historical research work, I ran across the valuable information that the eighteenth century economist—Nathaniel Paine had found evidences of old paper notes in 1646—in Massachusetts, apparently Boston Merchants' or Traders' Demand Notes with a limited local circulation. Then again about 1686, Shop Notes or Promises To Pay In Merchandise were issued by the merchants in Massachusetts. These paper money issues were known as—Script—and continued to be issued by private individuals from time to time during hard times due to necessity caused by panics, war periods or whenever no money was available for business transactions on account of the hoarding of coins.

(To be continued)

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### India Will Issue New Coins

According to a recent Associated Press report the government of New Delhi, India, has tentatively decided that free India's new coins will bear the design of three lions on the Asoka pillar in place of the king's head. The reverse of the coins will bear ears of corn, a peacock, and the Asoka bull. The new coins will be put into circulation after India proclaims herself a republic Jan. 6, 1950. The first set of coins to be minted will be formally presented to the president of the Indian republic in a public ceremony.

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I wonder if the speaking of money as the "root of evil" originated with the tree money of Malacca? Also is it responsible for the expression about "money on trees"?

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Salt is used in parts of Africa for money. We do not use salt money, although we do "salt our money down."—F.C.R.

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